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WITH A PREFACE.

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"These eyes, though clear,
To outward view, of blemish or of spot,
Bereft of light, their seeing have forgot ;
Nor to their idle orbs doth sight appear
Of sun, or moon, or stars, throughout the year,
Or man or woman. Yet, I argue not
Against Heaven's hand or will, nor bate a jot
Of heart or hope; BUT STILL BEAR UP, AND STEER
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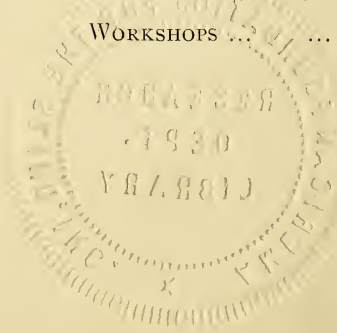
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INTRODUCTION.

KNOWING how useful this pamphlet has been to many seeking information concerning what is being done in the interests of the Blind, and the best means of helping them, I have pleasure in writing this introduction to the FIFTH EDITION of Mr. Henry J. Wilson's pamphlet.

The particulars regarding the various Societies have been carefully prepared, any necessary corrections have been made, and new Societies added.

In the Preface much valuable information is given with reference to the Education of the Blind, and the selection of suitable occupations, whilst the page devoted to the proper care of the eyes of infants should really be of immense service to the children.

Certainly everyone interested in the welfare of the Blind should obtain a copy of the pamphlet.

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*Chairman of the Committee,
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Preface to Fifth Edition.

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ALTHOUGH only four years have elapsed since the publication of the last edition of this pamphlet, the efforts to ameliorate the condition of the Blind during that period have increased in every direction in a marked manner. Whilst we find it impossible to refer to every development, we cannot refrain from mentioning (*a*) The College of Teachers of the Blind, which not only has been started during the last four years, but has also been recognised by the Board of Education ; (*b*) The division of England and Wales into seven Unions of Societies, including the North of England Union referred to in the last edition. These Unions are earnest attempts to see that every blind person is cared for.

The number of blind persons enumerated in England and Wales at the census of 1901 was 25,317, in Scotland 3,253, and in Ireland 4,253. So far as statistics can be relied upon, it is pleasing to note that, although the total number of blind persons has increased, owing to the growth of population, the proportion of the blind to the sighted has decreased. In 1851 the proportion of blind persons to the population, in England and Wales, was one to every 979, and in 1901, one to every 1,285, each intervening decade showing a steady diminution. We much fear that the statistics, when published, from the census of 1911 will be valueless for the purpose of comparison, as returns were asked for only those who were "totally blind."

The Blind may roughly be divided into four classes, viz. :

1. INFANTS.—In Blindness, as in everything else, prevention is better than cure, and inasmuch as a large proportion of the cases,

of blindness is caused by the neglect and unsuitable treatment of ophthalmia of new-born infants, which can be *prevented and nearly always cured*, much can be done in disseminating information about this disease by systematic distribution of leaflets (*vide* page 15), and in other ways.

The action recently taken towards the prevention of Ophthalmia Neonatorum, by making it, with the consent of the Local Government Board, compulsorily notifiable under the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, must have a most beneficial effect in lessening the number of those who become blind from this terrible disease.

2. FROM FOUR OR FIVE UP TO TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.—This is essentially the period for education and instruction. Blind children should be treated, as far as possible, like sighted ones. They should be conversed with frequently, especially about the common objects which surround us in everyday life, in order that they may not grow up in crass ignorance of what our eyes are ever conveying to our minds, and the Blind can only understand by the touch, or through the ear. They should be taught to dress, undress, and wash themselves, and make themselves generally useful, and should not be cooped up indoors, but allowed to have plenty of fresh air, light, exercise and play. They should always be treated with firmness and kindness, but at the same time they must not be allowed to imagine that they are, and always must be, objects of pity and burdens on society. They should be fully impressed with the knowledge that they have a work to perform in the world, and that they must therefore submit, equally with sighted children, to the discipline and training necessary to fit them for their duties in life. And here I wish to impress on parents the absolute necessity of sending their children to some school at the earliest possible age. It is a mistaken and cruel kindness to keep them at home without their being taught how to be blind, because in such cases their mental powers are invariably weakened, and sometimes the children become imbeciles and defective both in body and mind. Pamphlets called "Revised Braille for Reading and Writing," Grade I., price 1d., by post 1½d., and Grade II., price 2d.,

by post 2½d., can be obtained at The British and Foreign Blind Association, Great Portland Street, London, W., and will be found useful also to sighted people who are ignorant of the Braille system, and wish to teach it to those who are unable to attend a school. Frames, embossing paper, etc., can be obtained from the Association and from most of the Institutions for the Blind.

A rough outline of the School curriculum is as follows : From 4 or 5 years of age to 10, kindergarten training ; from 10 to 14, elementary education and technical training ; from 14 to 16, half-time elementary education and half-time training in trades or professions ; and from 16 to close of school career, trades and professions.

The Royal Commission on the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, etc., after sitting for four years, issued their Report in 1889, and out of it sprang the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893, which makes the education of all blind children between 5 and 16 years of age compulsory.

All of the elementary schools for the Blind are certified under section 2 of the Act, and are marked in the list on pages 16 to 24 by an asterisk.

Previous to this Act, the power of the Guardians to educate the Blind under 16, although largely exercised, was *permissive* only, whereas now the power of the Local School Authorities is *compulsory*, that is to say, the Authorities are bound to enforce the Act, and parents must cause their children to receive education.

Under the Act the expression "blind" is defined as "too blind to be able to read the ordinary school books used by children."

The School Authorities are responsible for the provision of suitable elementary education for all blind children up to 16 years of age in their districts, and full powers are given them for providing it, but the parents of the blind children are liable to contribute towards the expenses of the child such weekly sum, if any, as may be agreed on between the School Authority and the parent.

The only exceptions are the cases of idiot and imbecile children, and pauper children resident in the workhouse, or boarded out. These are still left to be dealt with by the Guardians.

By the Education Act, 1902, the Local Education Authorities took over the powers, duties, and liabilities of the "School Authorities" under the Act of 1893. The Local Education Authorities for this purpose are the Council of every County and of every County Borough, the Council of a Borough with a population of over 10,000, or of an Urban District with a population of over 20,000. The population, for the purposes of the Act, is calculated according to the census of 1901.

A list of residential Schools for the Blind is given on page 16. The following may be considered as general rules affecting all pupils seeking admission at any School for the Blind: They must be blind, either totally or for all practical purposes, not deficient in intellect or physical power, of good health, not subject to fits, not suffering from any cutaneous disease or other disorder likely to be prejudicial to their fellow-scholars, and must either have been vaccinated or have had the small-pox.

Four Scholarships of the value of £60 a year each, tenable at any of the Universities, are granted by the Committee of Gardner's Trust for the Blind. There is also "The Fawcett Memorial Scholarship," value £50 a year, tenable by blind persons for four years at any of the Universities of the United Kingdom, including Women's Colleges. The Trustees of this scholarship are the Clothworkers' Company, 41, Mincing Lane, London, E.C. Scholars must be not less than 17 nor more than 23 years of age at the time of election. The George Barker Memorial Scholarship, value £50 a year, and tenable for four years at Queen's College, Oxford, is granted to blind persons who intend to study for the Final Honour School of English Language and Literature.

It is patent to everyone interested in the Blind that it is quite impossible for them to become self-supporting at the age of 16, and therefore on attaining that age their education should be continued,

and they should be sent to a Technical Training School for the Blind, or remain in their present school, to be specially trained in some trade. The Guardians of the Poor have power to contribute towards the maintenance of a blind person above 16 years of age, whilst a trade is being learnt at an Institution for the Blind (*vide* 25 and 26 Vict. (1862) Cap. 43, secs. 1, 9, 10 ; 31 and 32 Vict. (1868) Cap. 122, sec. 42 ; 42 and 43 Vict. (1879), Cap. 54, sec. 10 ; and 45 and 46 Vict. (1882) Cap. 58, sec. 13). There are five sources from which the school fees for pupils on attaining the age of 16 years may be met, viz. : (1) Local Education Authorities, who for this purpose are County Councils and County Borough Councils only, under the Education Act (1902), Part ii. ; (2) Boards of Guardians ; (3) Private payments, *i.e.*, by the parents or the guardians of the pupils ; (4) Gardner's Trust ; and (5) Private Charity.

Under the Technical Regulations the Board of Education make capitation grants for children over 16 years of age.

At this point I would earnestly entreat pupils not to be in too great a hurry to leave school. There is a natural and praiseworthy (though mistaken) desire in many to start in life on their own responsibility as early as they can, but if they do this before they have sufficiently mastered all the difficulties of their trade or profession the result is often most disastrous, and the cause of the Blind must be seriously injured thereby. It is my opinion that many of the failures amongst the Blind, in attempting to carry on the trade which they have learnt at school, are due to the fact that they have not received sufficient instruction. Many people seem to be impressed with the erroneous idea that blind people need a shorter apprenticeship at their trades than the sighted.

3. FROM TWENTY-ONE TO FORTY YEARS OF AGE. Those between these ages who have been properly instructed at school ought to use every endeavour to earn their own living by the trade or profession which they have learnt. The occupations usually taught to males in most schools are typewriting and shorthand, the making of baskets, brushes, mats, sacks, rope, ship-fenders, mattresses, and also pianoforte tuning, chair-caning, boot and shoe

repairing, and wood-chopping. Females are taught weaving, typewriting and shorthand, massage, to make brushes and fancy baskets, to knit, net, sew, crochet, cane chairs, etc., and how to use knitting machines. Many of the Blind are also educated with great success in the profession of music, and others are prepared for an University career.

Those who become blind at this period of life should try to learn some trade at one of the existing Institutions for the Blind, unless they are able to carry on the business in which they were occupied at the time when they were deprived of sight. When a new trade has been thoroughly learnt, the blind person should endeavour to get employment at some workshop for the Blind, where not only regular work will be provided at trade rates of pay, but in most Institutions the weekly wage will be considerably augmented; or failing this, the person should start on his own account in some suitable town, where his manufactures could be easily disposed of. I know, when suggesting that men should work at their own homes and on their own responsibility, that there are many and great disadvantages and difficulties to be overcome. Perhaps the most important are: the lack of business capacity, intensified by the loss of sight, the want of capital to start with, a ready market for all produce, and the need of sighted supervision, but I trust that before long all the Institutions will keep in touch with their old pupils, and give assistance at times when it is urgently needed. This arrangement is now being carried out, as far as possible, by several Institutions—an example worthy of emulation by all. The London County Council have formed a voluntary After-Care Committee for looking after children on attaining the age of 16.

Depôts at certain centres, exclusively for work done by the Blind, would greatly facilitate the sale of produce.

Of late years, many of the Blind of both sexes have been instructed in typewriting and shorthand, and in massage. These vocations appear to be very suitable for the Blind, and the work can be undertaken by them without much difficulty, but there is the usual danger of the market being overstocked, and of inability to

obtain employment. By the use of typewriting machines, the Blind are enabled, not only to enjoy the pleasure and advantage of being able to write to the sighted in the ordinary type, but also to obtain remunerative employment. This means of support has been simplified by the Braille shorthand system introduced at the Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind, and the invention of the Stainsby-Wayne embossed shorthand typewriting machine. In connection with several Institutions there are typewriting offices with blind operators.

Another occupation for suitable blind persons is that of Telephony, which can be, and is, practised in small private telephone exchanges.

I have been informed by Dr. Fletcher Little, who has successfully trained a number of blind men and women in massage, that they are well adapted for this kind of employment when carefully selected, and the course of instruction extends from three to six months, the expense being half the usual fee in the case of the Blind, viz.: £5 5s. Board and lodging can be obtained near the classroom at a moderate cost. There is an Institute for Massage by the Blind (*vide* page 75) which finds employment for those who have been thoroughly trained and are certificated.

A question has often been put to me as to what amount is necessary to start the Blind in their trades on leaving School, and therefore I may state, for general guidance, that—

- (a.) A Basket-maker's tools, trough, block, etc., cost from £5 15s. to £7 5s.
- (b.) A Basket-maker's materials about £5.
- (c.) A Boot and shoe repairer's tools and materials, about £5.
- (d.) A Chair-caner's tools and materials, about £1.
- (e.) A Mat-maker's *frame*, tools, etc., about £4 15s.
- (f.) A Mat-maker's *loom*, tools and materials, about £12 15s.
- (g.) A Mat-maker's appliances and materials, for making Sinnet mats, about £5.

(h.) A Pianoforte Tuner's tools, about £4 5s.

(i.) A Wood-chopper's tools, wood, etc., about £2 12s. 6d.,
and barrow about £3.

The foregoing amounts, carefully laid out, ought to be sufficient to give a good start to blind persons in the trades they have learnt.

Full particulars of the above outfits may be obtained on application at the office of Gardner's Trust. These particulars consist of a list of the various appliances, materials, etc., the cost of each, and the names of firms from whom they may be obtained. When applying, it should be stated which list is required. It is advisable that orders should, when practicable, be sent through the Manager of an Institution for the Blind.

4. FROM FORTY YEARS OF AGE UPWARDS.—Those who become blind after forty years of age, with a few exceptions, are unable to learn any of the trades usually taught to the Blind with much hope of success or remuneration, unless mat-making, mattress and fish-bag making, and the making of ship-fenders be excepted. They should, therefore, as I have stated above, try to carry on, if possible, the trade in which they were engaged when their sight failed them. If this be found impracticable, the sale of newspapers or of tea might be tried, or wood-chopping or sack-making, which are easy to learn. Mangling also is sometimes a fairly well-paid employment, but ought not to be entered upon without fully considering the capabilities of the wife, and the likelihood of ultimate success. Failure often ensues unless, preparatory to starting, a certain amount of patronage is guaranteed. In many parts of London this way of gaining a livelihood for blind men is greatly overdone. Both men and women can sometimes earn a little by writing out books in the Braille type for libraries. Singing, and the playing of musical instruments in the streets and in public-houses, should be strongly discouraged.

At this period of life, blind persons naturally try to obtain a pension from one of the Pension Societies for the Blind (*vide* page 38). There is, however, a comparatively small amount of money given away to those under fifty years of age, and the difficulty

of obtaining a pension for a person under that age is in consequence proportionately greater. Further details concerning Pension Societies are given in Mr. Stuart Johnson's most serviceable book, "Annuities to the Blind," price 3s. 6d. net. Publishers, Messrs. Longmans.

There are also Homes for Blind Men and Women (*vide* page 34), where refuge can be found for those who are without relations or friends.

Every effort should be made to prevent the Blind from becoming beggars of "Remember the poor blind man" class, and this admonition is all the more urgent, because this manner of living is, alas, often most profitable in consequence of indiscriminate charity. Such charity is not only highly demoralizing to the Blind themselves and their relations, but also impedes the work which is in progress for the amelioration of the condition of the Blind.

In conclusion, I may add that it is extremely difficult to give any recommendation as to what is best to be done with the sick, weakly, and otherwise "defective" Blind, who are ineligible for admission to the Schools for the Blind. Each case must be dealt with according to its own degree of incapacity, but every effort should be made to teach the child or adult to read and write, and do some work, however simple, so that the mind may be occupied, and that there may be no enforced idleness, as detrimental morally as physically. It is to be hoped that action may soon be taken on the recommendations in the Report of the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-minded.

In this pamphlet the names of all the Institutions and Societies for the Blind in England and Wales are given, and a list of Institutions and Societies in Scotland and Ireland is added in an Appendix.

The particulars, having been submitted to the various Secretaries for revision, are presumably correct, and I have again to tender them my sincere thanks for their kind and willing co-operation in providing me with the information required, which brings facts and figures down to date.

It is hoped that these pages, written with the object of supplying an evident want of condensed information about the Blind, and the Institutions and Charities connected with their instruction, employment, and relief, may be of some service to those who are anxious to counsel, or to obtain relief for the Blind.

It will afford me pleasure to give to enquirers all the assistance in my power and any additional information which is available.

HENRY J. WILSON,

Secretary of Gardner's Trust for the Blind,

53, VICTORIA STREET,

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WESTMINSTER, S.W.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS IN INFANCY.

One of the most frequent causes of blindness "is the inflammation of the eyes of new-born infants, which can be prevented, and, if taken in time, cured. . . . about 7,000 persons in the United Kingdom have lost their sight from that cause."—*Extract from the Report of the Royal Commission on the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb, etc.* It has been found that over 30 per cent. of the inmates of the Schools for the Blind are blinded by the **neglect** and **unsuitable treatment** of this disease.

The following precautions are, therefore, most essential :—

Immediately after the birth of a baby, and before anything else is done, wipe the eyelids and all parts surrounding the eyes with a soft dry linen rag; soon afterwards wash these parts with tepid water before any other part is touched.

When the disease appears it is easily and at once recognised by the redness, swelling, and heat of the eyelids, and by the discharge of yellowish-white matter from the eye. **Immediately** on the appearance of these signs, even though the discharge is very slight in amount, **seek the advice of a medical man**; but in the meantime proceed at once to keep the eyes as clean as possible by very frequently cleansing away the discharge. **It is the discharge which does the mischief.**

The cleansing of the eye is best done in this way :—

- 1.—Separate the eyelids with the finger and thumb, and wash out the matter by allowing a gentle stream of lukewarm water to run between them from a piece of rag or cotton wool held two or three inches above the eyes.
- 2.—Then move the eyelids up and down and from side to side in a gentle, rubbing way, to bring out the matter from below them; then wipe it or wash it off in the same manner. The cleansing will take three or four minutes, and it is to be repeated regularly **every half-hour** at first, and later, if there is less discharge, every hour.
- 3.—**The saving of the sight depends entirely on the greatest care and attention to cleanliness.** Small pieces of clean rag are better than a sponge, **as each rag is to be used once only, and then burnt immediately**; sponges should never be used except they are burnt after each washing.
- 4.—A little vaseline or lanoline should be smeared along the edges of the eyelids occasionally, to prevent them from sticking.
- 5.—Be very careful not to use for other children or for yourself any towel or linen that has been used for the baby, as this eye disease is highly infectious.

SPECIAL WARNING.

As many mistaken practices are often resorted to in these cases, such as the application of poultices, tea-leaves, or sugar of lead lotions, and medical advice postponed or neglected, such applications by themselves are strongly to be condemned as not in accordance with the proper methods of treatment.

Residential Schools for the Blind

(The correct titles of the Schools are not given, but the names of the towns

NOTES.—(a) The Schools marked with an asterisk are certified by the Board of Educa-

(b) Instruction is also given at various schools in London (*vide page 50*).

(c) The list of Day Schools for the Blind under the local education authorities

(d) On page 26 is given a list of Workshops for the Blind, at most of which

Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
1 BIRMINGHAM : *Royal Institution for the Blind.	Carpenter Road, Edgbaston.	1846	Resident or Day Pupils from 10 to 21.	£30 a year for maintenance, education and clothing. Day Pupils £10 10s. a year.
„ * Kindergarten Branch in connection with the above	Harborne	1905	4 to 12.	£26 5s. ditto.
2*BOLTON : Thomasson Memorial School.	Somerset Road ...	1909	5.	Nil; Children are all sent by Education Authorities.
3*BRIGHTON	Eastern Road ...	1842	Only Boys from 6 to 16.	£27 a year for school fees and clothing, under 14 years of age; £30 over that age.
4* „ Barclay Home and School for Blind and Partially Blind Girls.	Wellington Road...	1893	Only Girls from 5.	For board, training, education and clothing, per annum: Children under 16, £30; Adults, £26 5s.
5 *BRISTOL	Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.	1793	Both sexes from 5.	£30 a year for maintenance and clothing
6 DEVONPORT	St. Aubyn Street...	1860	Both sexes from 16 to 35.	5s. per week

in England and Wales.

in which the Schools are severally located are arranged alphabetically).

tion under Section 2 of the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893.

is given on page 50.

pupils—chiefly adults—are received for instruction in some trade or handicraft.

Period of Pupil's Attendance at School.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in May, 1911.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
No fixed period	110 (and 40 day scholars.)	110 (also 54 day pupils.)	These Schools, certified for 86 boys and 70 girls under the Act, 1893, form part of The Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind, which consists of a Main School and Workshops at Edgbaston, Branch Workshops at Harborne, a Kindergarten Branch at Harborne, and Retail Shop and Typewriting Department in the centre of the City. The Institution has also a large Home Teaching Branch, consisting of 408 blind members visited by two blind visitors. It possesses scholarships for the purpose of completing the education of pupils over 16 years of age, for whom no other provision can be made. The Richard Middlemore Trust, founded in connection with this Institution, provides outfit of tools, materials, musical instruments, etc., for starting pupils in life on their leaving the Institution. The Professions and Trades taught are Music (Theoretical, Instrumental and Vocal), Pianoforte Tuning and Repairing, Shorthand and Typewriting, Basket, Brush and Mat Making, Chair Seating, Machine and Hand Knitting, Boot Making and Mending, Telephony, and Clog Making.
From the age of 5 to 16 years . .	48 (20 boarders and 28 day scholars.)	9	Day Scholars in the Borough are admitted free; if from outside the Borough the payment is £13 per annum.
At the discretion of the Committee.	48	43	This School is for Boys only, and is certified for 48 Boys under the Act, 1893.
Until training is complete . .	94	94	Girls are educated and receive instruction in Housework, Sewing Machine, Chair Caning, Basket Work, Weaving, etc. The School is certified for 45 Girls under the Act, 1893. (See Barclay Workshop, page 28.)
Elementary education, 5 to 16, Technical instruction, 16 to 21 years of age.	109	83	The School is certified for 109 children under the Act, 1893. Additional accommodation for pupils over 16 years of age. No fee for technical instruction for adult non-resident pupils (local).
As long as the fees are paid and the pupils are in good health.	27	21	One day pupil admitted at 1s. per week.

Residential Schools for the Blind

Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
7 *EXETER	St. David's Hill ...	1838	Both sexes from 6.	£24 a year
8 LEATHERHEAD: The Royal School for the Indigent Blind (late St. George's Circus, Southwark, S.E.)	Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.	1799	Both sexes from 12 to 26.	150 free pupils on the Foundation. Paying pupils £30 a year.
9*LEEDS	Blenheim Walk ..	1899	Both sexes from 5.	Pupils from outside Leeds £32 a year. Leeds cases by arrangement with the Local Education Authority.
10 LIVERPOOL: *Catholic Blind Asylum.	59, Brunswick Road.	1841	No limit.	Over 16, £17 12s. per annum.
„ * Branch School in connection with the above.	Yew Tree Lane, West Derby.	1901	From 5 to 16.	Under 16, £21 per annum.
11 „ * Home for Blind Children.	54 and 56, Devonshire Road, Prince's Park.	1874	From 5 to 16.	£21 a year
12 „ School for the Indigent Blind.	Hardman Street ...	1791	Both sexes from 16 to 45.	8s. 6d. a week exclusive of clothing (about £3 10s. a year).
„ * Branch School in connection with the above.	Church Road, Wavertree.	1898	Both sexes from 5 to 16.	£26 a year for board, education, clothing, etc.
13*LONDON: County Council School.	Linden Lodge, 26, Bolingbroke Grove Wandsworth Common, S.W.	1902	Boys only, at 12 years of age.	Decided by London County Council.
14* „ Ditto	Elm Court, 22, Court Road, West Norwood, S.E.	1902	Girls only, at 12 years of age.	Decided by London County Council.
15 „ *East London Home and School for Blind Children.	Northumberland House, 2 and 4, Warwick Road, Upper Clapton, N.E.	1874	Both sexes from 5 to 16.	£30, including clothing. Some free.

in England and Wales.—*continued.*

Period of Pupil's Attendance at School.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in May, 1911.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
About 7 years	80	66	Non-resident pupils occasionally admitted on terms according to circumstances. The School is certified for 80 children under the Act, 1893.
6 years	250	220	Pupils are elected on the Foundation by the votes of the subscribers. The elections take place in January and July of each year. The London Office is at St. George's Circus, Southwark, S.E.; the Factory at 250, Waterloo Road, S.E.
Up to 16 years of age	106	92 (63 resident and 29 day pupils).	This is a School under the Leeds Education Authority, and has dormitory accommodation for 147 blind and deaf children, including an annexe to the Institution. Day Scholars are admitted free from Leeds and on payment of £6 6s. a year for those outside Leeds. There are 29 Blind Day Pupils at present. The School is certified under the Act, 1893.
Adults until a trade is thoroughly learnt.	260	217	This is a Roman Catholic Institution. No well-behaved inmate is sent away if wishful to stay in the Asylum, where provision is made for resident adults to work, and also for the delicate and friendless Blind. The Sisters of Charity of S. Vincent of Paul have charge. The School is certified for 140 boarders under the Act, 1893.
Children up to 16 years of age			
Boys until 12, Girls until 16 ..	40	25	This School is certified for 20 boys and 20 girls under the Act, 1893.
6 years, but individual cases at the discretion of the Committee.	112	100	There is an Old Pupils' Fund with a capital of £3,500. It provides pupils on leaving the School with tools and materials, and assists them in other ways.
Until 16 years of age	84	78	There are 2 day pupils who pay £13 13s., less government grant.
Until 16 years of age	40 (30 resident and 10 day pupils.)	31	Boys only are admitted at this Residential Council School. There are 14 day pupils, and the number of these is decided by the London County Council.
Until 16 years of age	50 (40 resident and 10 day pupils.)	50 (40 resident and 10 day pupils.)	Girls only are admitted at this Residential Council School.
Boys up to 14 years of age, Girls up to 16. Some longer.	36	36	The School is certified for 18 boys and 18 girls under the Act, 1893.

Residential Schools for the Blind

Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
LONDON, <i>continued</i> —				
16* London Society for Teaching the Blind to Read, etc.	Swiss Cottage, Hampstead, N.W.	1838	Boys and Girls from 7 to 16.	£25 a year
17 ,, Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind.	Westow Street, Upper Norwood, S.E.	1872	Both sexes from 16 to 21.	£65 a year. Private pupils £80.
,, Technical or Piano-forte Tuning Dept. (in connection with the above College).	,, ,,	1872	Males from 16 to 25.	£65 a year
,, *Preparatory Department (ditto).	,, ,,	1882	Both sexes from 5 to 13.	£35 a year. Private pupils £50 a year.
,, *Intermediate Department (ditto).	,, ,,	1882	Both sexes from 13 to 16.	£45 a year. Private pupils £60.
18 ,, Smith Training College.	Church Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.	1895	Both sexes from 18, who have passed the Preliminary Examination of the Board of Education.	£65 a year
19 ,, Miss Blott's School	27, The Crescent, Barnes, S.W.	1882	Any age.	From £40 a year ..
20 MANCHESTER : Henshaw's Blind Asylum.	Old Trafford ...	1839		
*Elementary School			Both sexes from 5.	£26 per annum ..
Technical School.			" Ditto 16.	£36 " "

in England and Wales.—*continued.*

Period of Pupil's Attendance at School.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in May, 1911.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
Boys up to 21 years of age and Girls up to 24, but no pupil is allowed to remain more than 9 years.	96 (80 resident, 16 day.)	70	Day Pupils admitted from 7 years of age at £10 a year.
Until the education is completed	175	140	The object of this College and Academy is to prepare thoroughly trained School Teachers, shorthand typists, organists, and teachers of music. Students are also prepared for University Examinations. The College possesses scholarships for pupils over 16 years of age.
" " "			The object of this Department is to prepare young men by mechanical training for piano-forte tuning, etc. The Department possesses several Scholarships.
Until they are 16 years of age.			Children from 5 to 8 are trained on the Kindergarten system. The School is certified for 138 children under the Act, 1893.
2 to 3 years			All the pupils receive, in addition to a thorough general and physical education, elementary technical and musical training.
			This College is recognised by the Board of Education as a Training College for School Teachers, and Government Grants are made, the same as in Training Colleges for the sighted.
No fixed period	6	4	A private School specially adapted for delicate or backward children of the upper class. Adults are also received for instruction in Braille, typewriting, etc.
	184	174	The election of pupils usually takes place in February, May, August and November in each year. Tools are granted to satisfactory pupils on leaving school. The Elementary School is certified for 91 children under the Act, 1893.
Until 16 years of age			
Until 21 years of age			

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Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
21*NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE : Royal Victoria School for the Blind.	Benwell Dene ...	1838	Both sexes from 5.	£27 a year for Residents and £26 a year for Outboarders.
22 NORWICH	132, Magdalen St.	1805	Both sexes from 16 to 55.	£23 8s. a year for maintenance, education and clothing.
23 NOTTINGHAM	Chaucer Street ...	1843	Both sexes from 16.	All pupils are boarded out, and the inclusive fee is from £30 a year.
24 PLYMOUTH	North Hill ...	1860	Both sexes from 16.	In Workrooms : 5s. to 6s. a week, and 6s. 6d. a week for those outside the district.
25*PRESTON	Watling Street Road, Fulwood.	1895	Both sexes from 6 to 15.	£20 a year, and £3 for first outfit.
26 RHYL	Lake Tower ...	1903	4 years.	£25 to £30 according to circumstances.
27*ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA	48 and 49, Kenilworth Road.	1903	Both sexes from 3.	From £35 a year ..
28 ,, ,,	12, Upper Maze Hill.	1910	From 16.	From £32

in England and Wales.—*continued.*

Period of Pupil's Attendance at School.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in May, 1911.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
Until 16 years of age. Boarded out until 20 years of age.	80	70	The School is certified for 40 males and 40 females under the Act, 1893. Special attention is given to handicrafts.
5 years	60	37	There is also an Asylum for the aged in connection with this Institution. (<i>vide page 34.</i>)
No fixed period	No limit, as pupils are boarded out	84	This is the Midland Institution for the Blind for the counties of Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, Lincoln and Rutland, and is for the technical training of the Blind after they have passed the school age. Pupils admitted from other Counties.
No fixed period	80	18	There are altogether 38 inmates, viz.: 2 assistant teachers (blind), 36 journeymen and women earning full wages, and pupils. Day as well as resident pupils and journeymen are received. The total number of resident and non-resident blind people provided for is 80.
6 to 16 years of age	48	40	The School is on the Cottage Home system, and intended for children resident in North and North-East Lancashire. Pupils all resident.
Boys until 12, Girls until 14	12	4	The terms for Day Scholars are £10 a year. All communications should be addressed to Miss A. E. Roberts.
No fixed period	28	22	This School, known as the Hastings and St. Leonards Special School for the Blind, was certified by the Board of Education in 1907, and affiliated to the National Association for the Feeble-minded. Pupils whose education has been neglected, and those too delicate for an ordinary school, are given special attention and training. There is accommodation for better-class pupils. All communications to be addressed to Miss Meiklejon, 48, Kenilworth Road.
No fixed period	5	As an outcome of the work of the Special School at 48, Kenilworth Road, and at the suggestion of H.M.I., Dr. Eichholz, an After-Care Department was founded to supply the need for the permanent care of female patients who through blindness and mental defect are practically unemployable. Training in housecraft and suitable manual work is given, and every effort is made to improve the physical and mental condition of the patients. The Home is situated in its own grounds, in healthy locality 250 feet above sea level. All communications to be addressed to Mrs. Meiklejon, 12, Upper Maze Hill.

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Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
29*SHEFFIELD	Manchester Road, Broomhill.	1879	Both sexes from 5 to 16.	£21 a year for maintenance, education and clothing for Sheffield pupils. £24 a year for those outside Sheffield.
30*SOUTHSEA	St. Mary's Hall, St. Edward's Rd.	1864	Both sexes from 5 to 16.	£19 a year under, and £23 a year over 12 years of age, exclusive of holidays, but inclusive of repairs and renewal of clothing.
31*STOKE-UPON-TRENT ...	The Mount ...	1897	Both sexes from 5 to 16.	£33 per school year ..
32*SWANSEA	Northampton Place	1865	Both sexes from 5.	£30 a year for maintenance and education.
33 WORCESTER	College for the Higher Education of the Blind.	1866	From 7 upwards provided they can feed themselves and manage their own dressing.	£60 to £80 per annum.
34*YORK	King's Manor House.	1833	Both sexes from 5 to 16.	£26 5s. a year, and in certain cases a reduced fee.

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Period of Pupil's Attendance at School.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in May, 1911.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
Until 16 years of age	70	70	The School is certified for 35 boys and 35 girls under the Act, 1893.
Boys until 21 years of age and girls until 24.	72	65	The school is certified for 36 boys and 36 girls under the Act, 1893, but there is class accommodation for only 66.
11 years	27	27	This school is established by the North Stafford Joint School Authority for the education of blind and deaf children. No non-resident pupils are received.
7 to 10 years	60	45	This school is certified for 60 children under the Act, 1893 (30 boys and 30 girls).
Until the School education is completed, generally about the age of 19 or 20.	30	14	The object of this College is to bestow upon blind boys a good public school education in classics, mathematics, English, modern languages, science and music, by the aid of which a student may go to the University and enter any of the Professions. Over 40 per cent. have already done so, a large proportion having graduated with honours. There are several Scholarships tenable at the College for the assistance of boys of limited means. An excellent new building, replete with all modern improvements, was opened in 1902.
No fixed period, but usually until an adequate Technical Training has been acquired.	80	78	This School forms part of the Institution known as The Yorkshire School for the Blind, which includes schools for primary and technical education, workshops for adult blind men, an out-pupils' department for teaching a handicraft to such as have lost their sight after 16 years of age, and an Industrial Home for Blind Women at Scarborough. The "Markham Fund" assists former pupils of the School in starting and carrying on the trades which have been taught to them, and in many other ways. The "Munby Fund" encourages the study of music in the school, and assists musical pupils on leaving. This School is certified for 47 boys and 33 girls under the Act, 1893.

Workshops for the Blind

(The correct titles of the Workshops are not given, but the names of the
 NOTES.—1. The Asterisk* indicates that the Workshop is attached to one of the Schools
 2. At the Workshops, inmates, as a rule, are not received ; but workpeople, and
 otherwise stated, it may be inferred that both sexes are employed

Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.	Address of Workshop.	When founded.	Number of blind persons employed in May, 1911.
1 ACCRINGTON	15, Avenue Parade	1907	5
2 ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	129, Old Street	1908	4 men and 5 women.
3 BLACKBURN	Byrom Street	1908	15
4 „	Mayson Street	1910	9
5 BIRKENHEAD	35, Westbourne Road	1902	4
6 *BIRMINGHAM... ..	Carpenter Road, Edgbaston	1846	146 (exclusive of learners.)
7 BOLTON	2, Tipping Street	1867	35
8 BRADFORD, Yorkshire	North Parade	1861	128
9 BRISTOL—*The Workshops for the Blind.	Park Street, Bristol	1793	42 men and 30 women.
10 CARDIFF	Glossop Road	1865	54
11 CARLISLE	Lonsdale Street	1872	23
12 CHELTENHAM	51, Winchcomb Street	1858	29
13 *EXETER	St. David's Hill	1838	20
14 HANLEY	Victoria Road, Shelton	1901	36
15 HEYWOOD	45, Brunswick Street	1910	3 men and 3 women.
16 HULL	Kingston Square... ..	1864	46

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towns in which the Workshops are severally located are arranged alphabetically.) mentioned in the preceding pages.

those under instruction, must provide their own board and lodging elsewhere. If not at the Workshops.

Are Pupils received for instruction?	Fee for Pupils.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
yes	nil	There are 3 women employed in making string bags and stocking knitting; 2 men are being taught boot repairing and cane-seating.
yes	nil	The trades practised are chair-seating, mat-making and knitting for women.
yes	nil	Men practise basket-making; learners are paid 5s. per week.
yes	nil	Knitting and weaving, cane-seating chairs, etc.; learners are paid 5s. per week. Application has been made for recognition as a Day Technical Class. Only women workers.
no	—	One worker, a man, is collector, and 3 women workers re-seating chairs. The male workers have been transferred to the Liverpool Workshops.
yes	Resident Pupils, £30 per annum; Day Pupils, £10 10s. per annum.	These Workshops form part of The Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind. There is a Retail Shop and Typewriting Department in Christ Church Passage, New Street, Birmingham. For trades taught and practised <i>vide</i> page 17. At Harborne there are also Branch Workshops and Kindergarten.
yes	nil	Apprentices are taken when there is a vacancy, but no fee is charged.
yes	nil	16 women are resident. Day Technical Classes, recognised by the Board of Education, are established for the instruction of blind pupils above 16 years of age. A Residential Training Home for blind men was established in 1906, where there are 16 men brush-making, wood-chopping, etc. A Residential Training Home for blind women was established in 1903. 10 women are employed at knitting, chair-caning, etc.
yes	not fixed	The workers are chiefly former pupils. An entrance fee of £3 3s. is expected, in the women's department, if applicants come from a distance. Three of the women work at their own homes.
yes	nil	Inmates are received, as learners, from 16 years of age.
yes	nil	Applicants must be over 14 years of age. Workmen can be boarded and lodged at 8s. a week each, in a Home adjoining the workshops.
yes	nil	Three women also are assisted by work at their own homes.
yes	according to circumstances.	There are 18 men basket-makers and mat-makers; 2 women basket-makers.
no	—	This Workshop is not connected with the local school, but is managed by an entirely voluntary committee.
—	—	The trades practised are basket-making, chair-caning, and brush and string-bag making.
yes	nil	There is a Sick Benefit and Entertainment Branch to further develop the usefulness of the Institution, and by it about £260 a year has been expended in Relief, Summer Outings, Christmas Gifts, Bonus etc., since its formation in 1889.

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	Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.	Address of Workshop.	When founded.	Number of blind persons employed in May, 1911.
17	LEEDS... ..	Albion Street	1865	65
18	LEICESTER	50, Granby Street	1858	30
19	LIVERPOOL	Cornwallis Street	1861	145
20	LONDON — Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind.	258, Tottenham Court Road, W.	1856	83
21	,, Barclay Workshop for Blind Women.	246, Edgware Road, W. (upper part).	1906	13
22	,, London (formerly Surrey) Association for the Blind.	90, Peckham Road, S.E. ...	1857	28
23	,, * London Society for Teaching the Blind.	Swiss Cottage, Hampstead, N.W.	1838	13
24	,, *Royal School for the Indigent Blind.	Factory at 246, 248 and 250, Waterloo Road, Southwark, S.E.	1879	41
25	,, The West London Workshops for the Blind.	60, High Street, Notting Hill Gate, W.	1880	36
26	,, Workshop for the Blind of Kent.	49, London Street, Greenwich, S.E.	1877	20
27	*MANCHESTER	146, Deansgate	1881	48
28 *	,, Henshaw's Blind Asylum.	Mary Ann Scott Memorial Home and Workshop for Blind Men and Women, "Hayesleigh," Old Trafford.	1911	21 males and 21 females.

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Are Pupils received for instruction?	Fee for Pupils.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
no	—	Applicants must be over 16 years of age, and six months resident in the city. If the Institution be not full, persons not previously resident are admitted. Deaf mutes are employed as well as the Blind. There is a Sick Society under the management of the blind workers. The trades practised are brush, basket and mat making, and chair-caning.
yes occasionally.	nil	The workshop is only part of the Leicester Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind, which also provides a Retail Shop, a Cottage Home for aged blind Women, a Bible woman, a Library with about 1,000 volumes, etc., and helps to send children to Schools for the Blind.
yes	In some cases a fee is necessary.	All Applicants must have been born in Liverpool, Birkenhead, or district, or they must have resided in that neighbourhood for some years, before becoming blind. The trades practised are brush, mat, basket, and bedding making, chair-caning, etc.
yes	6s. weekly for all trades.	This Association assists some of its old employés by way of pension (<i>vide</i> page 42), besides 3 persons elected under former rules, who were never employed in the Institution. There is a Sick Club. There are separate dining rooms for the men and women, and hot dinners are supplied at a cheap rate.
no	—	Only women are received from the Barclay Home for Blind Girls, Brighton, and are employed in hand-loom weaving. Sighted pupils are received on payment of £3 the first quarter, and £1 each subsequent quarter.
yes	Fee varies with a maximum of £13 for instruction during six months.	Applicants must be above 17 and under 40 years of age. The trades practised are mat and bag making, upholstery, knitting, chair-caning, basketwork.
yes	According to circumstances.	11 men and 2 women are employed, as follows:—4 basket-makers, 3 chair caners, 2 printers, 1 typist, 1 tuner, 1 music teacher, 1 machine knitting instructor.
no	—	Preference is given to former pupils in the School (<i>vide</i> Leatherhead, page 18).
yes	5s. weekly; for special cases, a lower fee.	
yes	During the first six months, 5s. weekly; 3s. are paid to the pupil in lieu of wages. After that he is paid by piece-work.	Only men between 15 and 40 years of age are admitted, and applicants must be either natives of the County of Kent, or have resided sufficiently long to be termed resident.
no	—	This workshop was originally established in Bloom Street, Salford, and is in connection with Henshaw's Blind Asylum (<i>vide</i> page 20). The trades practised are basket and skip-making only.
no	At the discretion of the Committee.	This building is now (May 1911) being extended so as to accommodate 60 inmates. The trades practised are brush-making, mat-making, basket-making, and women's industries.

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Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.				Address of Workshop.	When founded.	Number of blind persons employed in May, 1911.
29	MANCHESTER	...	...	11, Chapman Street, Hulme	1902	7
30	MIDDLESBROUGH	...	...	59, Grange Road, W.	1897	16
31	NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE	...	...	Breamish Street	1870	29
32	„	„	„ *Royal Victoria School for the Blind.	Benwell Dene	—	8
33	NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE	...	...	2, Commercial Road, Newport Mon.	1910	20
34	NORTHAMPTON	...	...	Gray Street	1898	23
35	NORTH SHIELDS	...	...	4 and 5, Howard Street...	1900	8
36	*NORWICH	...	...	132, Magdalen Street	1805	9
37	*NOTTINGHAM...	...	...	Chaucer Street	1843	37 (5 females and 32 males.)
38	OLDHAM	...	...	New Radcliffe Street	1883	25
39	„	...	...	Werneth Hall	1904	7
40	*PLYMOUTH	...	...	North Hill	1860	59
41	*PRESTON	...	...	Fulwood	1867	16
42	SHEFFIELD	57 and 59, West Street	1860	53 (34 males 11 females and 8 learners.)
43	*SOUTHSEA	St. Mary's Hall	1864	7 (3 males and 4 females.)

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Are Pupils received for instruction?	Fee for Pupils.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
yes	Pupils are paid 8s. a week whilst learning.	This workshop, which is only for pan work brush-making, is in connection with the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society (<i>vide</i> page 75). Men only admitted. These men have been taught in the workshop.
occasionally.	As may be arranged.	The trades practised are basket and brush making and chair caning.
yes	No fees.	The trades practised are mat, mattress and basket making and wood-chopping.
yes	£26 (over 16).	No proper workshops at present, a training institution, but as many employed as possible in basket and mat making, bedding, cork-fenders and chair re-seating.
all are pupils.	nil	The trades practised are basket and mat making, and cane-work. There are 16 adult men who are taught at the shop, and 4 women at their own homes. Their manufactures are sold at the shop.
yes	According to circumstances.	There is a Blind Sick Benefit Society.
yes	—	This workshop is in connection with the Northern Counties Blind Society, and the trades practised are basket and mat-making and cork-fenders.
yes	£23 8s. per annum.	Only men admitted. The trades practised are basket, mat and rug-making, weaving and knitting.
yes	As may be arranged.	This is the Midland Institution for the Blind for the Counties of Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, Lincoln, and Rutland, which is now re-established as a Technical Training Institution and Workshops for the Blind over 16 years of age. The industries taught and carried on are hand-loom weaving, hand-knitting, machine-knitting, chair-seating, basket-making, brush-making, mat-making, bedding-making, piano-tuning and repairing.
yes	nil	Men only are employed in making skips. An Evening Class is held in the North Moor Board School.
yes	nil	This is a workshop for women only, who have a dinner provided for them, and receive payment for work done, less the cost of material. The Institution is wholly financed by Miss M. Lees, of Werneth Park, Oldham.
yes	nil	The 59 persons employed include 3 teachers.
yes	nil	Skip and basket making is the chief occupation of the males, and cane-seating by the females.
yes	nil	Applicants must live in, or near, Sheffield. Men and women are employed in brush, mat and basket making, etc.
yes (but only those who have passed through the school.)	nil	The trades practised are basket-making and chair-caning.

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Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.	Address of Workshop.	When founded.	Number of blind persons employed in May, 1911.
44 STOCKPORT	St. Peter's Gate	1867	15
45 SUNDERLAND	23 and 24, Villiers Street ...	1877	58
46 *SWANSEA	Northampton Place	1865	32
47 TUNBRIDGE WELLS... ..	63, Calverley Road	1897	5
48 WAKEFIELD	19, Queen Street... ..	1901	12
49 WALSALL	139A, Lichfield Street	1905	14
50 WHITBY	Walker Street	1896	3
51 WOLVERHAMPTON	17, Victoria Street	1882	25
52 *YORK — Outpupils' Department Outmates Department	King's Manor House ...	1883	11
		1861	21

“The provision of suitable and remunerative employment for the Blind has been a problem for many years, and continues to grow in importance and difficulty on account of the large numbers who demand—and rightly demand—work. I have had experience in every phase of blind labour, and have come to the unalterable conclusion that nine blind workers out of every ten must be employed in special workshops for the Blind, if they are to succeed in life. I am wilful enough to refuse to believe that the Blind, as a class, can succeed away from the oversight, care, and assistance which well-managed workshops afford. My reasons are legion, but a few of the most important advantages of workshops over the independent ‘home’ pursuits may not be out of place The workshop system affords to the Blind:—(a) Constant employment, with no short time from year’s end to year’s end; (b) Trade rate of wages—no sweating; (c) Augmentation of wages to help to compensate for blindness; (d) A minimum wage; and, (e) Relief during sickness, and a supply of hospital, dispensary tickets, etc. To sum up, constant work, a living wage, and lifelong oversight and care. These conditions cannot be fulfilled except in connection with the

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Are Pupils received for instruction?	Fee for Pupils.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
yes	nil	Applicants must be resident within three miles of Stockport.
yes	nil	There are 26 men, 9 boys, 18 women, and 5 girls.
yes	nil	Applicants must be over 16 years of age. The number of workmen (32) is exclusive of those under instruction at the School. Only males are admitted.
yes	13s. a week.	The trades practised are basket-making and mending, and re-caning chairs. The pupils are boarded and taught basket-making and chair-caning for the fee of 13s. a week.
yes	£6 per year.	The Sale-room, Workshops, Club-room and Library are all at 19, Queen Street. There is a Sick and Benefit Branch, and Meetings are held monthly. The men are employed at basket-making, and the women at chair-caning and knitting.
no	—	12 men are employed in basket and wicker-work, and 2 women in cane-seating and machine knitting.
no	—	The Sale-room is at 2, Brunswick Street. All the workers were trained at the School for the Blind at York, and are employed in basket and wool mattress-making, and rush and cane re-seating of chairs. Goods made at the York Institution are also sold.
yes	nil	There are 13 men and 4 women. The men are taught mat-making and basket work, and the women cane chairs, etc. There is a retail shop. New workshops were opened in 1897. The Horsman Fund relieves many of the sick and aged, and there is a Sick Benefit Club.
yes	nil	The object of this department is to teach trades to those who have lost their sight after the age of 16. It is worked in connection with the Outmates' Department.
no	—	Chiefly former pupils of the School employed in basket, brush, mattress, and mat-making.

workshop system. . . . The whole question of After-Care in the case of the Blind is briefly summed up in one word, 'WORKSHOPS.' " *Extracts from a paper entitled "After-Care" by MR. HENRY STAINSBY, General Superintendent and Secretary of the General Institution for the Blind, Birmingham, May, 1906.*

"Opportunity to work is the boon the Blind ask of their fellow-men. Work, profitable work, robs blindness of its cruellest sting, it pervades our darkness with the light of joy and contentment," "You cannot bring back the sight to the vacant eyes; but you can give a helping hand to the sightless along their dark pilgrimage. You can teach them new skill. For work they once did with the aid of their eyes, you can substitute work that they can do with their hands. They ask only opportunity, and opportunity is the torch of darkness. They crave no charity, no pension, but the satisfaction that comes from lucrative toil, and this satisfaction is the right of every human being." *Extracts from letters written by MISS HELEN KELLER, in support of the New York Association for the Blind.*

Homes for

Town in which the Home is located.	Names and Addresses of Homes.	When Founded.
1 BRISTOL	The Clifton Home for Blind Women, 9, Gordon Road, Clifton.	1874
2 HOVE, SUSSEX	10, Goldstone Road (Mrs. Brookfield)	1910
3 HULL	The Rockliffe Home for Blind Women, 83, Charles Street.	1899
4 LEICESTER	Cottage Home for Aged Blind Women, 17, South Albion Street.	1876
5 „	The Wycliffe Cottage Homes for the Blind, Gwendolen Road.	1900
6 LONDON	The Cecilia Home for Blind Women, 111, Abbey Road, N.W.	1861
7 „	The North London Home for Aged Christian Blind Women, 67, 71, 73, 75 and 77, Hanley Road, Finsbury Park, N.	1880
8 „	The North London Home, etc. etc.	1881
9 „	The North London Home for Aged Christian Blind Men, 65, Hanley Road, Finsbury Park, N. (in connection with the above.)	1887
10 MANCHESTER	Home for Blind Women, "The Elms," Eccles Old Road, Pendleton, Salford.	1900
11 NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.	Brook House, Llandeud, Newport	1902
12 NORWICH	Institution for the Indigent Blind, 132, Magdalen Street.	1805
13 ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.	Seaside Convalescent and Holiday Home, Mayfield, St. Peter's Road.	1890
14 SCARBOROUGH	Industrial Home for Blind Women, 13, Belgrave Crescent.	1893

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Number of Inmates in May, 1911.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
14	Fee £18 a year and clothing. Applicants must be over 16 years of age, and have 5 years' good character.
4	A private house for blind boarders, who are received on moderate terms.
10	The inmates, who have to pay 7s. a week, are employed at domestic work, cane chair seating, typewriting and knitting.
4	A Home for aged and homeless blind Women under the care of a matron of their own position in life.
31	The buildings consist of six cottages, and there is accommodation for 34 inmates. There is no age limit. The Homes are for local Blind only. There is a hall with accommodation for 250 people, and it is used for religious services, concerts, teas, socials, and as a workroom.
14	Fee £20 a year and clothing. Applicants must be from 20 to 55 years of age. The Home is for women of the lower middle class.
78	There is no stipulated charge, although all inmates or their friends are expected to pay to the utmost of their ability. Applicants must be over 50 years of age, except in very special cases, where younger persons without friends to care for them are admitted between the ages of 21 and 50 on the payment of £25 a year. There is a branch of the Home at Southend-on-Sea (<i>vide page 36 No. 16</i>).
13	This is a Home at 69, Hauley Road for ladies of limited means, paying from 13s. 6d. each weekly, according to accommodation required. The Home will hold 13 inmates.
20	There is no stipulated charge, and the Home is free to those who are unable to pay anything. Applicants must be <i>practically</i> blind, and of good moral character.
24	Fee 6s. a week. This Home is a branch of the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society (<i>vide page 75</i>). Intended primarily for respectable and friendless women of Manchester and Salford.
16	This is a "Country Home Change for the Blind" in connection with the Newport Home Teaching Society. The Hon. Secretary is the Rev. J. Swinnerton, at the Home. Blind persons in the Newport district admitted free, others on payment of at least 10s. a week. Since the establishment of the Home there have been 324 visitors. Special attention is given to adults who lose their sight by accident or disease. Classes are held for instruction of the Adult Blind in Braille and handicrafts that can be practised at home, such as mats, light baskets, cane-work, and knitting.
14	The amount of fee is £23 8s. per annum. Both sexes admitted. Applicants must be totally blind and over 55 years of age. Accommodation for 16 inmates, eight of each sex. This Home is part of the same establishment as the School at Norwich (<i>vide page 22</i>).
12	Adults pay 10s. a week, and children under 14 5s. a week, or free by a subscriber's letter. The Home consists of two houses—one for men and one for women.
9	This Home is a Branch of the Yorkshire School for the Blind, York, whose Committee elect all inmates, and where forms of application can be obtained. The Home was removed in April, 1906, to its present more commodious premises. The sale shop is in Londesborough Road.

Homes for

Town in which the Home is located.	Names and Addresses of Homes.	When Founded.
15 SHEFFIELD ...	Overend Cottages, Selbourne Road, Crosspool ...	1900
16 SOUTHEND-ON-SEA	Elim, Wilson Road	1898
17 „ „	Hawtree House Holiday Home for the Blind, 8, Camper Road, Southchurch Beach, Southend.	1896
18 SOUTHPORT ...	The Godfrey Ermen Memorial Home of Rest for the Blind, Roe Lane.	1905
19 SWANSEA ...	The Glynn Vivian Home of Rest for the Blind, Caswell Hill, Mumbles, near Swansea.	1907
20 WOLVERHAMPTON	43, John Street	1908

Postal

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“Papers of any kind, periodicals and books impressed in Braille, or other special type for the use of the Blind, may be sent prepaid by post at the following rates of postage :—

For a package not exceeding 2-oz. in weight, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ; exceeding 2-oz. and not exceeding 2-lb., 1d. ; exceeding 2-lb., and not exceeding 5-lb. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. ; exceeding 5-lb. and not exceeding 6-lb., $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. Any such packet, if posted unpaid, is charged double postage ; if posted insufficiently prepaid, double the deficiency.

To be entitled to transmission by this post, a packet must :
(1) Consist only of articles specially impressed, as described above,

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Number of Inmates in May, 1911.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
12	There is accommodation for 6 couples, who have been five years resident in Sheffield. Each inmate receives a pension from 2s. 6d. per week.
15	This is a branch of the North London Home. Permanent or temporary accommodation for the blind, partially blind, and their guides. Terms, 10s. 6d. a week. There is accommodation for 23 inmates.
—	Blind persons and their guides are admitted and spend two or three weeks in the Home. It is supported partly by voluntary contributions and partly by the Indigent Blind Visiting Society. Since the establishment of the Home, which is non-sectarian, nearly 1,500 blind persons and guides have been admitted. The terms are 10s. 6d. a week for each person, unless by special arrangement. The Hon. Secs. are Capt. A. le P. Agnew and Capt. G. G. Webber, R.N.
—	Accommodation for 16 blind men and 16 blind women. The fees are 6s. a week for blind people from Manchester and Salford, and 10s. during winter months and 12s. during summer months for those from other places. Members of the Sick and Benefit Club pay 4s. only per week. Arrangements can be made with blind people of the upper class. This Home is in connection with the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society (<i>vide page 75</i>).
—	Open all the year. Accommodation for 7 males and 7 females. Minimum charge 5s. per week. Many blind persons go to the Home for a few weeks' rest, and the largest number of inmates is from May to September.
2	The Home is for the local Blind, who pay 7s. or 8s. a week.

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for the use of the Blind, and may not contain any communication either in writing or printing in ordinary type, except the title and table of contents of the book or periodical, or any enclosure except a label for the return of the packet. (2) Bear on the outside the inscription 'Literature for the Blind,' and the written or printed name and address of the sender. (3) Be posted either without a cover, or in a cover open at both ends, which can easily be removed for the purpose of examination. (4) Not exceed 6-lb. in weight, and 2-ft. by 1-ft. by 1-ft. in dimensions.

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The use of printed labels, with necessary inscription, is recommended."

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
1 BACUP : The Rossendale Society for Visiting the Blind	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 264, Rochdale Road, Bacup.	1890
2 BIRMINGHAM : Henry Stainsby Pension Fund.	The Royal Institution for the Blind, Edgbaston, Birmingham.	1908
3 BRADFORD (Yorks) : John Harrison Fund for the Relief of the Poor Blind.	The Royal Institution for the Blind, Bradford, Yorks.	1884
Queen Victoria Pension Fund.	„ „ „ „	1897
Mrs. Lythall Memorial ...	„ „ „ „	1899
Ada Waud Memorial ...	„ „ „ „	1900
Miss Holloway Memorial ...	„ „ „ „	1906
4 BRISTOL : Rev. E. Kempe's Trust.	The School for the Blind, Westbury-on-Trym.	1856
5 „ John Merlott's Charity	The Office of the Bristol Municipal Charities, St. Stephen's Street, Bristol.	1784
6 CARDIFF : Shand Memorial Fund	The Institute for the Blind, Glossop Road, Cardiff.	1886
7 CARLISLE AND CUMBERLAND : Home Teaching Association.	Lonsdale Street, Carlisle	1856
8 CARMARTHENSHIRE Blind Relief Society.	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Mrs. E. R. Williams, 36, Spilman Street, Carmarthen.	1860
9 CORNWALL : The Dowager Lady Robinson's Fund for the Blind.	c/o The Mayor of Penzance	1896
10 CUMBERLAND : Hudson's Charity	The Vicarage of All Saints, Cocker-mouth, Cumberland.	1872
11 DEVONSHIRE : Hazelwood Trust for the Blind.	Managing Trustee, Cranicombe, Brank-some Avenue, Bournemouth West.	1904

assist the Blind by way of Pension.

Number of Pensioners in May, 1911	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
6	£6 a year.	Applicants who have received Parish Relief are ineligible. The elections take place in April and October.
2	£6 to £12.	Preference given to those who have been members of the staff or pupils of the Institution, or workers in the Trading department, or persons on the roll of the Adult Blind Branch.
20	£10 and £5 a year.	Applicants must have resided in Bradford for 5 years, and be unable to work. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made monthly.
4	£5.	} For assisting the aged and needy blind workpeople in connection with the Bradford Royal Institution for the Blind.
1	£20.	
2	£20 and £10.	Applicants must be blind persons who have resided for five years in Bradford and are unable to work. There is no age limit. Payments made monthly.
2	£10.	For assisting aged and needy blind workpeople in connection with the Bradford Royal Institution for the Blind.
9	£2 10s. and £3 10s.	Applicants must have been former pupils of the Bristol School of Industry for the Blind, not married, and not in receipt of parochial relief. These are annual gifts and not pensions in the usual sense.
47	£10 a year.	Applicants must be above 50 years of age, and have been totally blind for 3 years. They must not be in receipt of parish relief, nor have an assured income of £20 a year.
7	£5 a year.	Applicants must be at work at the Cardiff Institution. The Trustees appoint.
11	£89 13s. 4d. in all.	
26	2s. 6d. and 5s. monthly.	Applicants must be resident in the county of Carmarthen, in poverty, and of good character. A gratuity is given every Christmas.
34	£10 each.	Applicants must be inhabitants of Penzance, or of the towns of Redruth and Camborne, or of any of the Parishes following, viz.: St. Erth, Madron, Gulval, Paul, Sancreed, St. Just, St. Burian, St. Levan, Sennen and Ludgvan. Elections take place on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October, and applications must be forwarded by post before the 1st of the month. The Trustees appoint.
3	About £3 6s. 8d. a year.	Applicants must be resident in Cockermouth, and over 50 years of age. The Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints appoint. Payments made twice a year.
8	£10 and £12 a year.	The Trust, founded by the late Mr. Peek, is not exclusively for the Blind. Blind applicants must be personally known to the Trustees, and reside within 20 miles radius of the village of Loddiswell.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
12 ESSEX: Chigwell United Charities.	Clerk to the Trustees, Warwick House, Buckhurst Hill, Essex.	1804
13 EXETER: Institution for the Blind	St. David's Hill	1838
14 GATESHEAD: J. M. Elliott Trust	Trustees, 13, Poplar Crescent	1909
15 GLOUCESTER: John Wintle's Charity.	St. Michael's Rectory, Gloucester ...	1845
16 HALIFAX	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> : Mr. J. Clarkson, Solicitor, Halifax.	1888
17 HAMPSHIRE: G. J. Scale's Charity.	The Town Clerk, The Town Hall, Portsmouth.	1901
18 HASTINGS: Association for the Welfare of the Blind.	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Miss Wilson, 53, Kenilworth Road.	—
19 HENLEY-ON-THAMES: A. Turner's Charity.	The Clerk, Municipal Charities, Henley-on-Thames.	1835
20 HERTS: Collett's Charity ...	Trustees, Mr. J. H. Blundell, Home, Toddington, Beds; and Messrs. H. and W. Blundell, The Long Close, Flitwick, Beds.	1813
21 IPSWICH AND SUFFOLK: Institution for providing relief and additional comfort to the Blind.	8, Northgate Street, Ipswich	1874
22 KENT: Mrs. Elizabeth Denward's Charity to the Blind of Kent.	Upper Hardres Rectory, Canterbury ...	1805
23 LEATHERHEAD: Royal School for the Indigent Blind (Bird's, Williams', Country Asylum Fund, Randall's, and E. C. Johnson's).	Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey. London Office, 1, St. George's Circus, S.E.	1827 1865 1871 1888 1895
24 LEEDS: Institution for the Blind	Albion Street	1866

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Number of Pensioners in May, 1911	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
2	£1 3s. 4d.	The trustees are the trustees of the Chigwell United Charities. The pensions are granted to two blind women residing in or near the parishes of Chigwell and Buckhurst Hill.
4	various.	The pensions are granted only to old pupils unable to support themselves.
—		A sum of £10,000 has been left for the benefit of blind persons, and the matter is now under the consideration of the Charity Commissioners.
8	£1 to 10s.	Applicants must be resident in the County of Gloucester. The money is distributed on December 21st.
60	1s. to 2s. per week and one at 10s. per week.	Recipients are members of the Society for the Home Teaching and Assistance of the Halifax Blind.
19	£30	Pensions are granted to blind persons, male or female, of good moral character, of 30 years of age and upwards, who are in necessitous circumstances and who were born in the County of Hants, and at the time of election are resident there, and have been so resident for five years or more immediately preceding election. The election of annuitants is vested in the Corporation of Portsmouth.
3	£2 a year to two and £1 2s. to one.	The pensioners are men.
1	£4 7s. 4d.	The pension is paid quarterly to one poor man living in Henley, by the Henley Charity Trustees.
4	£2 19s. a year each.	Preference is given to residents in or near Hemel Hempstead. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made half-yearly. The Trustees appoint.
12	From 1s. to 4s. 6d. weekly.	Payments are made weekly. A blind man visits the Blind and teaches them chair-mending, and also to read in Moon type.
12	£3 15s. a year.	Applicants must be resident in the county of Kent. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made once a year. The Trustees appoint.
25	Approximately, £4 10s. a year.	Preference is given to former pupils of the School who are past work or unable to support themselves. The Committee appoint. Payments made yearly in December.
31	5 at £5 a year, and 26 from 1s. to 3s. weekly.	Pensions and relief only given to local applicants.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
25 LEICESTER : Miss S. Barlow's Charity for Blind Women.	The Clerk to the Trustees, 1, Welford Road, Leicester.	1886
26 LIVERPOOL : The Cornwallis Street Blind Annuity Fund.	Workshops for the Blind, Cornwallis Street.	1865
27 LONDON : Association for Pro- moting the General Wel- fare of the Blind.	258, Tottenham Court Road, W. ...	1856
28 „ Blind Man's Friend, or Day's Charity.	c/o Clothworkers' Hall, 41, Mincing Lane, E.C.	1836
29 „ Clothworkers' Company (West, Newnam, Thwaytes, Acton, Cor- nell, Gregory, Love and Wing).	Clothworkers' Hall, 41, Mincing Lane, E.C.	1718
30 „ Cordwainers' Company (Came's).	Cordwainers Hall, 7, Cannon Street, E.C.	1796
31 „ Drapers' Company, (Granger's Charity for the Blind.)	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Blind Man's Friend Charity, Clothworkers' Hall, 41, Mincing Lane, E.C.	1784
32 „ Gardner's Trust for the Blind.	53, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.	1879

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Number of Pensioners in May, 1911	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
10	£8 15s. a year.	The income from £3,500 is divided equally by the Trustees, between "ten blind women of good character, for the time being resident in the town and county of Leicester," as the "Trustees in their own discretion shall think fit."
12	£163 10s. 6d. in all.	All the Pensioners are workpeople who have been employed in the Workshops and have become disqualified for work by age, accident, or infirmity.
23	£6 to £52 a year.	Applicants must be old pupils of the Institution, and be totally or partially unable to work.
250	£20, £16 and £12 a year.	Applicants must be over 21 years of age, resident in the United Kingdom, totally blind, and not have been in receipt of parish relief during two years next preceding the appointment. The Trustees appoint. Payments are made quarterly in advance.
743	£20, £10 and £5 a year.	Applicants must be over 50 years of age, three years totally blind, except in case of a sudden accident, not in receipt of parish relief, nor have an assured income exceeding £24 a year. They must not be inmates of a workhouse, nor publicly solicit or receive alms. Blank petitions are issued between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The pensions are intended primarily for residents in London or its neighbourhood. The Court are about to raise the pensions of £5 to £10, and with that view the vacancies on the pension list are being absorbed as they occur, so as to render the transition more easy. Wing's Charity of £20 a year is for those above 40 years of age who have been in a better station in life, and whose income does not exceed £50 a year.
116	£5 a year.	Applicants, if they be men, must be 45 years of age or upwards, if women and married 40 years or upwards, if widows or spinsters 30 years or upwards, must be totally blind, never have received parish relief, nor begged in the streets, and must reside in, or within 100 miles of London. The election takes place in December each year, and application should be made before the 1st of October. The application, if unsuccessful, must be renewed every three years. A pension of nearly £8 a year (Love's) is given to the most aged pensioner on the list <i>in lieu of the £5</i> . A pension of about £3 a year (Woolnough's) is given <i>in addition to the £5</i> , to the person who has been longest on the list. The payments are made annually.
5	£12 a year as a maximum.	Applicants must be totally blind, deserving, necessitous, and of good character, who have not for at least two years next preceding the time of their appointment received Poor Law relief, other than medical relief. No limit as to age. Pensions are granted for a term of three years in the first instance, but may be prolonged by the Trustees if they think fit, for a further period of not more than three years at each prolongation. They are awarded by the Trustees upon the nomination of the Trustees of the Blind Man's Friend Charity—to whom all applications should be addressed.
225	£20, £15 and £10 a year.	Applicants must be resident in England or Wales, not in receipt of parish relief, of good moral character, and in real need of help. There is no limit as to age. No assistance is given to street musicians, and the intermarriage of blind persons is much deprecated. The Committee appoint. Payments made quarterly in advance. This Trust gives assistance towards instruction in music, trades, etc. (<i>vide précis page 51</i>).

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
33 LONDON, <i>contd.</i> — Goldsmiths' Company (Cureton's Charity).	Foster Lane, Cheapside, E.C.	1838
(Corporate Funds)	,, ,, ,, ,,	1874
34 ,, Governesses' Benevolent Institution.	32, Sackville Street, W.	1843
35 ,, Harley's Trust (The Hon. Frances Harley).	Messrs. C. and S. Harrison & Co., 19, Bedford Row, W.C.	1841
36 ,, Hetherington's Charity (Christ's Hospital).	60, Aldersgate Street, E.C.	1774
37 ,, Howard's Charity for the Blind.	The Clerk, The Vestry, St. Marylebone Church, W.	1854
38 ,, Humston's Charity for the Blind, administered by the Governors of the Aldgate Lordship Foundation	<i>Clerk</i> , Mr. Ernest Turner, 13, Great Alie Street, E.	1777
39 ,, Indigent Blind Visiting Society.	8, Red Lion Square, W.C.	1834

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Number of Pensioners in May, 1911	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
6	£20 a year.	Applicants must be over 50 years of age, totally blind for 12 months, resident in the county of Middlesex, and not have an income exceeding £25 a year; must not be in receipt of any other charity for the Blind. Preference is given to Freemen of the Company and their widows, and to Freemen of the City of London and their widows. Payments are made quarterly.
60	£20 a year.	Applicants must be resident in Middlesex, Kent, Essex, Herts, or Surrey. Preference is given to Freemen of the Company and their widows. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made quarterly.
5	From £30 to £50 a year.	Applicants must be over 50 years of age, governesses, single or widows, and must not be in receipt of more than £30 a year. The pension is forfeited by marriage. Payments are made half-yearly. Many blind governesses are helped by the Temporary Assistance Fund of the Institution.
12	£20 a year.	Applicants must be members of the Church of England, and must reside with some friend or friends of respectable character, whose name or names must be given on application. The Trustees appoint. Payments made quarterly.
805	£10 a year.	Applicants must be 55 years of age or upwards, one year totally blind, born in England, and must have been resident in the same parish or place in England for two years immediately preceding the date of petitioning, and never had parish relief; must not be in receipt of more than £20 of assured annual income. Forms of application are issued during October of each year, and application must be repeated annually in that month until the petitioner is elected. Payments are made annually in November. The following are ineligible—"Those who have never occupied a better position in life than day-labourers, or journeymen, or domestic servants, or who have ever been common beggars."
36	13s. a year.	The funds are distributed by the Minister and Churchwardens of St. Marylebone Church, on Christmas Eve, to deserving blind persons residing in the civil parish of St. Marylebone.
5	About £12 a year, but the amount varies. In 1910 it was £14.	There is no limit as to age. Preference is given to lightermen or watermen, their widows or children, belonging to (but not receiving poor law relief from) the parishes of St. Botolph, Aldgate, London, St. Botolph, Aldgate, Middlesex, St. John of Wapping, or St. Paul, Shadwell. Preference is also given to the children of former residents in the aforementioned parishes. Payments are made monthly. The Governors appoint.
134	From £2 12s. to £14 a year, about £450 in all.	Applicants must be resident in London, poor and deserving. The Committee appoint. Over 600 blind persons are visited and assisted by small weekly allowances in money, and those who are likely to succeed are started in some business. Mangles and Washing Machines are lent. Classes are held (<i>vide page 58</i>). About 60 women are employed in connection with this Society, in knitting, crochet, etc. One of the pensioners is on the General Fund, 17 on the Fund founded by the late Mrs. T. R. Armitage, 60 are paid by Miss Emery, and the rest are on the Samaritan Fund. The majority of these receive help regularly as long as their friends contribute a proportionate amount to that fund.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
40 LONDON, <i>continued</i> .—Institution for the Relief of the Indigent Blind of the Jewish Persuasion.	8, Duke Street, Aldgate, E.C.	1819
41 „ London Association for the Blind.	90, Peckham Road, S.E.	About 1891
42 „ National Blind Relief Society.	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Rev. J. Pullett Thompson, The Vicarage, 27, Tite Street, Chelsea, S.W.	1843
43 „ Painter Stainers' Company (Stock's, Shank's, Grainger's, Smith's, Yeates', and Syddalls')	The Painter Stainers' Hall, 9, Little Trinity Lane, E.C.	1782
44 „ Rashdale's Charity for Blind Women.	c/o Gardner's Trust, 53, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.	1797
45 „ Royal Blind Pension Society of the United Kingdom.	237, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E. ...	1863
46 „ Society for Granting Annuities to the Poor Adult Blind.	1, St. George's Circus, Southwark, S.E.	1858
47 „ Somers Town Blind Aid Society.	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Mrs. Hepburn Starey, 51, Belsize Avenue, N.W.	1864

assist the Blind by way of Pension.—*continued.*

Number of Pensioners in May, 1911	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
76	£26 a year.	Applicants must be totally blind, have been five years resident in England, and in receipt of no relief from any other similar society. Payments made weekly.
2	2s. a month each.	This is part of the general work of the Association.
800	£1, 15s., 10s. monthly. Special pensions of 10s., 15s. and £1 per week granted to those who have occupied higher social positions in life.	Applicants must be over 18 years of age, resident in England, Wales, or Scotland, and their income, if single, must not exceed £20 a year; if married, £30 a year. Subscribers of £2 2s. nominate the applicants, who, if approved by the Committee, are elected according to priority of application, without any voting. Payments are made monthly. This Society also gives an Annual Tea and Entertainment, and benefits the Blind in other ways. There is no paid Secretary and no office expenses. The 5s. monthly Pensions have been abolished as inadequate. If candidates are not elected within 12 months, temporary help of 5s. a month is granted.
200	£10 a year.	Applicants must be 61 years of age complete, born in England, three years totally blind, and three years resident in the same parish; must have never received parish relief, and have no assured income above £10 a year or receive any benefaction to that amount. Petitions are issued annually, from October 25th to November 26th inclusive. Payments made annually. The election takes place in the 2nd week in December.
5	£5 a year.	Applicants must be poor blind females of good moral character. The Trustees, who are the Committee of Gardner's Trust for the Blind, appoint. Payments made half-yearly. This charity grants pensions, each of the yearly value of £13, or such a less yearly value as will make up the yearly income to not less than £13.
1302	£6 and upwards a year.	Applicants must be over 21 years of age, resident in the United Kingdom, and their income, if single, must not exceed £20 a year; if married £30 a year. The receipt of parish relief is no bar to candidature. Payments are made monthly. The election is by votes of the subscribers, except in the case of two or more candidates who are elected by rotation at each half-yearly election in May and November. The Committee are also empowered to conclude contracts for the purchase of pensions for candidates eligible by the rules. There are also a few "Memorial" Pensions in the gift of the Committee. Pensioners under 60 years of age receive 10s. a month, under 80, 15s.; under 85, 20s.; and above 85, 25s. Forms of application should be returned by February 21st for the May election, and by August 21st for the November election.
275	£10 and £6 a year.	Applicants must be over 40 years of age, not in receipt of parish relief, and they must never have been mendicants. The election is by votes of the subscribers, in May and November. Payments are made half-yearly in advance on the 15th of April and 15th of October. Grants are made from the Cranborne Memorial Fund (<i>vide page 72</i>).
About 130	Small weekly grants amounting to about £600 during a year.	This Society holds meetings for entertainments, prayer, lectures, etc., every Thursday evening, gives medical aid, help in money and in kind, and sends urgent cases to the country and seaside. Preference given to residents in the neighbourhood (<i>vide page 58</i>).

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
48 LONDON, <i>contd.</i> —South London Association for assisting the Blind.	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Mr. J. T. Edmonds, Carlton Villa, 155, Brixton Road, S.W.	1863
49 MANCHESTER: Henshaw's Blind Asylum.	1, St. Peter's Square, Manchester	1902
50 NORTHAMPTON: George Phillip's Trust.	The Secretary, 13, Market Square, Northampton.	1899
51 OUNDLE: Clifton's Charity	Clerk to Feoffees of Oundle Town Estates, Clerk's Office, Oundle.	1723
52 OXFORD: Municipal Charities (Haynes' & Woodington's).	Clerk to the Trustees, 4, George Street, Oxford.	1806 and 1875
53 PEMBROKESHIRE: Blind Relief Society.	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Miss Maria Evans, 5, Hill Street, Haverfordwest.	1861
54 READING: Blind Aid Society	Mr. Hugh E. Walford, Pattingham, London Road.	1893
55 SHEFFIELD: Institution for the Blind.	57-59, West Street, Sheffield	1900
56 STAFFORD: Alice Fenton's Charity.	Clerk of the County Council, County Buildings, Stafford.	1782
57 SUSSEX: Fuller's Charity for the Blind of Sussex.	Catsfield Rectory, Battle, Sussex	1794
58 WHITBY: Trust for the Blind...	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Mr. T. Warters, 38, Flowergate, Whitby.	1905
59 WOKINGHAM: Yarnold's Charity.	Clerk to the Municipal Charity Trustees, Wokingham, Berks.	1829
60 WORCESTERSHIRE: Dr. Corbett's Trust.	The Town Clerk, Guildhall, Worcester	1906
61 YORK: Emanuel	The Treasurer, 1, Market Street, York.	1781-2
62 „ Dorothy Wilson's Charity	Clerk to the Trustees, 3, New Street, York.	1717

assist the Blind by way of Pension.—*continued.*

Number of Pensioners in May, 1911	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
54	4 of £5 and 50 of £2 a year.	Payments made quarterly. This Society also grants loans, gives general assistance, and holds classes (<i>vide page 58</i>).
90	5s. to 10s. weekly.	Forms of Application are supplied at 1, St. Peter's Square.
3	Two at 2s. 6d. and one at 5s. a week.	This Charity is in connection with the Northampton and County Association for promoting the general welfare of the Blind. The primary object is "to pay or allow to indigent blind persons belonging to the town and county of Northampton any sum not exceeding 5s. each per week."
2	£6 10s.	Applicants must be resident in Oundle. There is no limit as to age. The Feoffees of Oundle appoint.
6	£18 4s. and £9 10s. a year.	Applicants must be resident in the city of Oxford. There is no limit as to age.
18	5s. a month.	Applicants must be aged and poor, residents in Pembrokeshire, and must be recommended by the clergyman or the district visitor of the parish.
15	£5.	Applicants must be resident in the Borough of Reading. There is an endowment fund to provide the pensions. This Society assists in other ways (<i>vide page 76</i>).
20	From 4s. to 11s. weekly.	Applicants must be above the age of 21 years, wholly or in part unable to maintain themselves, and have been resident in Sheffield not less than five years. Mendicants and itinerant musicians are ineligible.
1	£5 4s.	Applicants must be deserving and necessitous blind persons <i>bonâ fide</i> resident in the County of Stafford.
6	£10.	Applicants must be resident in Sussex. Local cases have first claim. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made half-yearly. The Trustees appoint.
7	Six at £5 5s. and one at £2 10s.	Applicants must be "for the time being ordinarily resident in the area of the rural and urban district of Whitby."
4	£5.	This Charity was founded for the relief of 2 men and 2 women not in receipt of parish relief. Preference is given to residents in Hurst and Ruscombe. Payments made yearly on October 16th.
—	£12 10s. a year.	A scheme is being prepared by the Court for the administration of this Charity. No pensions have, as yet, been allotted. Under the will £10,000 were "bequeathed to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Worcester, to be invested and held by them in perpetuity, as trustees, for the purpose of granting 20 pensions of £12 10s. a year to such of the blind poor of the County of Worcester as shall be of good moral character, and shall have resided in the County for 5 years."
32	From £7 10s. to £20 a year.	This Charity was founded for the benefit of ministers, and the wives, widows and children of ministers of all denominations in the United Kingdom who are blind, or nearly blind, or idiotic. Payments made half-yearly, in February and August.
8	£8 a year.	Applicants must be resident in York.

Council Schools for the Blind

WHERE DAY SCHOLARS ARE ADMITTED.

The figures in brackets give the number of day scholars that can be accommodated in each School. Bolton (28) ; Bradford (48) ; Burnley (16) ; Cardiff (19) ; Leeds (50) ; Manchester, Chorlton-upon-Medlock (40) ; Newport, Monmouthshire (14) ; Norwich (20) ; Nottingham (56) ; Oldham (20) ; and Sunderland (18).

The Residential Council Schools for the Blind in Bolton, Leeds, London, and Stoke-on-Trent are given in the list of Residential Schools (*vide* pages 16, 18 and 24).

Under the London County Council.

In May, 1911, there were 345 blind children, including 18 myopes, on the roll of the eight schools for the Blind under the London County Council. Of these schools, six are day centres for young children, and two are residential. All are certified by the Board of Education. In the day centres the boys and girls are educated together up to the age of twelve or thirteen. The accommodation is as follows:—Battersea, 30 ; Camberwell, 48 ; Camden Town, 30 ; Hackney, 24 ; Notting Hill, 28 ; Woolwich, 45. There is temporary accommodation for 12 more at Camberwell and Woolwich.

Two of the Residential Schools provide industrial training for the older boys and girls. Linden Lodge for boys (*vide* page 18), and Elm Court for girls (*vide* page 18).

The London County Council gives annually, in addition, eight scholarships, of the value of £30, for blind boys and girls on leaving school.

Four scholarships for blind children over 16 years of age have been placed at the disposal of the Council by the Committee of Gardner's Trust, two of the value of £40, and two of £30 per annum, tenable for four years. These scholarships are available for children who have attended the Council's Certified Blind Schools up to the age of 16, and are awarded on the result of an examination to be held by the Council. The Superintendent is Mr. B. P. Jones, and the Assistant Superintendent is Miss R. F. Petty, Education Offices, Victoria Embankment, W.C.

Gardner's Trust for the Blind.

Committee :

THE RIGHT HON. LORD KINNAIRD, *Chairman*.

MR. A. P. S. BEAUMONT.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD BELHAVEN AND STENTON.

MR. D. C. RICHMOND, C.B.

MR. W. F. LAWRENCE.

THE RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT COBHAM.

MR. EDWARD R. P. MOON.

Secretary - MR. HENRY J. WILSON.

Office - 53, Victoria Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

The "Gardner Trust for the Blind" is the Trust created by the Will of the late Mr. Henry Gardner, of 1, Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, who at his death on January 9th, 1879, left the sum of £300,000, free from legacy duty, for the benefit of blind persons residing in England or Wales.

In order that the Fund should be employed in the best possible way, and in accordance with the wishes of the Testator, the matter was referred to the Court of Chancery, where a Scheme for the administration of the Fund, dated January 20th, 1882, was drawn up and approved. In pursuance of an application from the Committee, the Board of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales issued an Order on February 23rd, 1894, varying the Scheme of the Trust, which has the effect of constituting four general headings for the distribution of the income of the Fund, after payment of the necessary expenses of management, viz. :—

1. Two-ninths shall be applied in instructing the Blind in the profession of Music.
2. Two-ninths shall be applied in instructing the Blind in suitable trades, handicrafts, and professions other than the profession of Music.
3. Two other of such nine equal parts shall be applied in providing pensions for the poor and deserving Blind who may be incapable of earning their livelihood.
4. The remaining three of such nine equal parts shall be applied in such manner as the Committee think best for the benefit of the Blind.

The Committee, who meet, as a rule, on the first Tuesday in each month, and oftener when necessary, have absolute discretion in managing and carrying into effect the Scheme of the Charity, in strict accordance with these provisions.

All applications should be made to the Secretary, either personally or by letter, at the office, and not to Members of the Committee.

A report of the Trust is published annually, and a copy can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

In administering the Fund, the Committee desire as far as possible :—

- A. To make grants from this fund the means of eliciting the contributions or assistance of other persons and societies.
- B. To give to the persons aided such assistance as will call out their own exertions, and put them in the way of maintaining themselves ; but this is not meant to apply to the cases of persons who are considered fit subjects for pensions.
- C. To avoid such application of the Fund as will merely do that which would otherwise be done by the parochial rates.

No person is disqualified from receiving assistance by reason of his religious opinions ; but no person can receive assistance unless the Committee are first satisfied that he is of good moral character and in real need of help from the Fund.

The following information will be useful to persons seeking assistance from the Trust :—

1. INSTRUCTION in Trades, Handicrafts and Professions, including Music (A.)—Scholarships of different values from £20 to £60 a year are founded at the Universities, and at various Institutions, and, as vacancies occur from time to time, blind persons between the ages of sixteen and twenty-seven, who are desirous of becoming candidates, should make application to the Secretary of the Trust, in order that their names may be registered. No person is permitted to compete for any scholarship unless the Committee are first satisfied that he has such health and strength of body and mind as will enable him to pursue his studies to advantage.

The Scholarship does not cover, as a rule, the entire cost of the pupil's expenses at the Institution. In the first instance, the scholar is sent for three months on trial, and the Committee reserve to themselves the power of declaring the Scholarship vacant, if the result be unsatisfactory to them ; if, however, the result be satisfactory, the Scholar holds his Scholarship for a year from the time that he entered the Institution, and then is re-elected from year to year, provided that the Committee at the expiration of each year are satisfied, by such evidence as they may require, that the Scholar has shown capacity, applied himself diligently to his studies, has otherwise conducted himself in a satisfactory manner, and is in need of further instruction. The decision of the Committee as to the re-election of a Scholar or otherwise is final and conclusive.

(B.) Assistance by way of contribution is given to Institutions undertaking the instruction of the Blind, and also to individual blind persons above the age of 16 years who are unable to meet the whole expense of such instruction.

2. PENSIONS.—Grants by way of pension are made without restriction as to age.

Persons in receipt of parochial relief are, by one of the regulations drawn up by the Committee for their general guidance, ineligible. No assistance is given to street musicians, and the intermarriage of blind persons is much deprecated. In the Report of the Royal Commission on the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb, etc., it is recommended that the intermarriage of the Blind should be strongly discouraged. Every applicant should, in the first instance, send his name in full, age and address, to the Secretary, and state the average amount of his weekly income and from what sources it is derived. A letter from the clergyman of the parish in which the applicant lives, or from the minister of the chapel which he attends, should also be sent to the Secretary, giving full particulars, and certifying from personal knowledge that the applicant is of good character, thoroughly deserving, and in real need of assistance from the Trust.

The pensions, which are of the amounts £10, £15, and £20 a year, are terminable by the Committee on six months' notice, and are withdrawn without notice if the pensioner prove undeserving, or no longer in need.

As only a portion of the income of the Trust can be applied in granting pensions, and as the applicants have been very numerous, and vacancies occur but seldom in the list of pensioners, very many persons, however deserving, must perforce be disappointed.

3. GRANTS by way of free gifts are made in the following and other cases :—

- (A). To Institutions for the purchase of furniture and apparatus required for the instruction of additional pupils beyond those already there, or otherwise in special cases.
- (B). For the manufacture of books in blind type, and grants of such books.
- (C). To assist local efforts for the establishment or fitting up of Schools, at which technical training may be given to the Blind in trades or handicrafts.
- (D). To enable persons who have received instruction in a trade, handicraft, or profession, to begin the practice thereof and make a start in life, by providing them with tools, materials, etc., and also
- (E). To those persons who require help to continue their trade, handicraft, or profession, and are unable to procure it from friends or other sources.

Grants under headings (D) and (E) are made with no intention that they will be repeated, but with the hope of *permanently* establishing the recipients in some trade, handicraft, or profession.

NOTE.—Throughout this précis words importing males include females.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees for the time being of the Gardner Trust for the Blind the sum of _____, free of legacy duty, for the general purposes of the said Trust, to be paid within _____ calendar months next after my death, exclusively out of such part of my personal estate as by the laws in force at my death may be bequeathed for charitable purposes, and in priority to all other payments thereout, but to be subject to abate proportionately with all other legacies in case my general personal estate shall be insufficient for payment of them all in full. And I declare that the receipt of one of the Trustees of the said Trust shall be an effectual discharge for the said legacy.

The British and Foreign Blind Association

(FOUNDED 1868.)

(INCORPORATED 1902.)

FOR

PROMOTING THE EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE BLIND,
GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.

MR. HENRY STAINSBY, *Secretary-General*, to whom all communications
should be addressed.

This Association was founded by the late Dr. T. R. Armitage, for the purpose of promoting the education and employment of the Blind. Through its founder the Association introduced into the United Kingdom the well-known Braille System of reading and writing, and the Braille Music Notation, systems which have completely revolutionised the education of the Blind, and are now universally adopted in all colleges and schools. But for the introduction of Braille, the education of the Blind could not possibly have reached its present high state of efficiency.

The Association publishes a large amount of literature, including up-to-date school books, and supplies all kinds of apparatus used in the education of the Blind. It also assists in safeguarding the elementary education of blind children by gratuitously conducting the business of the College of Teachers of the Blind, whose examinations are recognised by the Board of Education. The Secretary-General acts as Honorary Registrar of the College.

The Association, assisted by grants made by the Managers of the Embossed Scientific Books Fund, is specially engaged in encouraging the higher education of the Blind by issuing, at a nominal price, a carefully-selected series of embossed scientific books, profusely illustrated by embossed diagrams. This series at present includes "Sound and Music," "Trigonometry," "Mechanics," "Electricity and Magnetism," "Modern Chemistry," "Physiology," "Geology," "Astronomy," "Heat," "Logic" and "The Coming of Evolution." Of the five magazines issued by the Association two (*The Braille Literary Journal* and *The Braille Musical Magazine*), are devoted to higher education.

Although not essentially employers of labour, the Association has fifty-four blind persons wholly or partially employed as stereotypists, copyists, bookbinders, shorthand clerks, typists, etc. Continuous efforts are made to open up new sources of employment for blind persons, and through the instrumentality of the Association many have found remunerative employment.

The Association investigates any question connected with the well-being of the individual and collective Blind, and gives advice to the Blind and to those interested in their welfare. The supreme policy of the Association is to raise the Blind above the level of indigence by promoting their training and education, and thus fitting them to become useful, self-supporting members of the community.

The Moon Society

FOR EMBOSSEING AND CIRCULATING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND OTHER USEFUL BOOKS, ETC., IN DR. MOON'S TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

Miss MOON, *Hon. Treasurer* and *Hon. Secretary*,
104, Queen's Road, Brighton.

This Society was instituted in June, 1847, by the late Dr. Moon, to whom the Blind are deeply indebted for the well-known type bearing his name. The property, together with the buildings, the machinery for stereotyping, embossing, etc., is held by Trustees for the benefit of the Blind in perpetuity.

This type has already been adapted to over 400 languages and dialects.

In addition to the Bible, and many separate Chapters and Psalms, the publications now comprise 797 volumes in English, and 333 foreign books. More than 87,000 electrotyped and stereotyped plates have been prepared, and are preserved for the future use of the Society, and are daily being added to.

Classes for the Blind

in London.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH HALL, 173, New Road, Battersea, S.W. This class was opened on January 10th, 1911, and is a continuation of the class which has been held in Ebury Street since 1856. Miss Hudson, *Hon. Sec.*, 22, Moore Street, Cadogan Square, S.W. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 3 p.m. for instruction in the Scriptures and reading and writing. The class is followed by a tea. There are 54 members.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS, Pelly Road, Plaistow, E., on Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. *Superintendent*, Miss Mary P. Bolton, Lady-in-Charge of St. Mary's Settlement. Religious instruction, concerts, lectures are given, and a bi-monthly social. There is a Provident Club. There are 74 names on the books and the average attendance is 60.

THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, Church Street, Edgware Road, W., on Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. *Hon. Superintendent*, Miss Morehead; *Conductor*, Mr. White, of the Home Teaching Society. A private class of a social kind for men and women. Average attendance 30.

THE RAILWAY MISSION HALL, 92, Kensal Road, Paddington, W., at 3 p.m., every Sunday. The class is conducted by Dr. Hibbird, 1, Elgin Avenue, W. The average attendance is 22.

WALTHAMSTOW AND LEYTON MISSION TO THE BLIND, St. Alban's Room, Ashford Road, Gosport Road, Walthamstow. Founded 1903. Meetings are held every Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. There are 50 members, men and women. Fancy basket work, knitting, reading, writing and mat-making are taught. The President is the Rev. A. T. Fryer, and the *Hon. Sec.* is Miss Culling, 1, Essex Road, Leyton.

Somers Town Blind Aid Society.

Instituted in 1864. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. Hepburn Starey, 51, Belsize ~~enue~~ Road, N.W. The meetings of this Society are held every Thursday, at 7 p.m., at the Hall, Tolmer's Institute, Drummond Street, Hampstead Road, N.W. The members are at present limited to 400. The objects of the Society are to influence the Blind for good, to provide a weekly entertainment and summer excursions, to grant monetary help (*vide* page 46), to provide medical advice and medicine free of cost, to send the sick to the seaside or country, and otherwise to assist the needy and deserving. Ladies visit the homes of the members weekly.

South London Association for Assisting the Blind.

Mr. J. T. EDMONDS, *Hon. Sec.*, Carlton Villa, 155, Brixton Road, S.W., founded 1863. Classes for men and women are held as under:—

1. ST. PAUL'S MISSION HALL, Manor Place, Walworth Road, every Wednesday evening. Education and Work classes from 6 to 7.30 p.m. ; Recreation classes from 7.30 to 9 p.m.
2. CHRIST CHURCH HALL, Chapel Street, Brixton Road, every Thursday evening. Work class from 6 to 7 p.m. ; Education class 7 to 8 p.m. ; Recreation class 8 to 9 p.m.
3. ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOLROOM, Kennington Road, S.E., on the first Tuesday in each month, at 7 p.m. A devotional class. There are 161 blind members.

Pensions (*vide* page 48) are granted to the most needy of the members.

The Indigent Blind Visiting Society.

8, Red Lion Square, W.C. This Society was founded in 1834 by the seventh Earl of Shaftesbury. Its objects are to visit, relieve, and educate the blind Poor of the Metropolis. Twelve classes are

held weekly for elementary education, and are attended by 875 blind adult persons. *Eyes to the Blind* (*vide* page 73) is connected with this Society. The classes are as follows :—

MISSION HALL, Francis Street, near Maryland Point Station, E.
Wednesdays, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

LECTURE HALL, Harley Street, Bow, E. Men : Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. ; Women : Tuesdays, from 2 to 4.30 p.m.

GARDEN STREET, Stepney, E. Women's Work Meeting, Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOLROOMS, River Street, Canonbury, N. Men : Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. ; Women : Wednesdays, from 2 to 4.30 p.m.

LECTURE HALL, Surrey Chapel, S.E. Men : Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. ; Women : Wednesdays, from 2 to 4.30 p.m.

LECTURE HALL, John Street, Theobald's Road, W.C. Men : Tuesdays from 10.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon ; Women : Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

KENSINGTON HALL, Kensington Park Road, W. Fridays, 6.30 to 8 p.m.

The College of Teachers of the Blind.

THIS College was established at a meeting convened by the Council of the British and Foreign Blind Association, and held on July 5th, 1907, when Dr. Eichholz, H.M. Inspector of Special Schools, who originated the idea of the formation of the College, was present.

The objects of the College, as stated in the Foundation Deed, are *inter alia* "to raise the status of the Teachers of the Blind by forming them into a College with a recognised position as specialists in the work of education," and "to give Teachers of the Blind the opportunity of submitting their qualifications to the scrutiny and

judgment of an accredited body for the purpose of examination, so that upon proof of fitness they may receive Certificates of Competency, and with that object to hold all necessary examinations and to grant such Certificates and Diplomas as can lawfully be granted." The first examination was held in July, 1908, and examinations have been held each year subsequently.

The College is now recognised by the Board of Education. All Certificates issued to Teachers bear the Seal of the College. A library has been formed, consisting of works dealing with the Blind, for loan to Teachers preparing for the examination, and to Members of the Council. Fellowships are granted in certain cases "to those who have done distinguished service in the Education of the Blind, provided that their experience extends over a continuous period of not less than ten years." All communications in connection with the College should be addressed to the Hon. Registrar, c/o The British and Foreign Blind Association, Great Portland Street, London, W.

Home Teaching Societies for the Blind.

The London Home Teaching Society for the Blind maintains 15 blind Teachers, to seek out at their own homes, and in Workhouses, all blind persons in London and its suburbs, throughout the county of Surrey, and also in Windsor, Hertford, Rochester, and Chatham. These teachers give to all who desire it gratuitous instruction in reading by touch from Moon and Braille types, and further act as Scripture-readers to the sick and aged. Each teacher has a library of 400 or 500 embossed books, and from the Society's Central Library at 53, Victoria Street, S.W., he obtains a fresh supply every month.

The following is a list of places where there are similar Home Teaching Societies, most of which assist the Blind in many ways

besides teaching them to read. The names and addresses of the Honorary Secretaries are given, and also the dates when the Societies commenced work.

ACCRINGTON, 1875, Mr. James Townson, 15, Avenue Parade.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, 1883, Mr. W. A. Shelton, 129, Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BARNSELY, 1869, Miss E. Elmhirst, Elmhirst, Barnsley.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, 1880, Rev. T. O. Harris, 3, Hamcoat Lane.

BATH, 1909, Miss Beavan, Fleetlands, Weston Park.

BIRKENHEAD, 1899, Mrs. Marples, 7, Alfred Road.

BIRMINGHAM, 1858, The Secretary, Royal Institution for the Blind, Edgbaston.

BLACKBURN AND DARWEN, 1881, Mrs. Hargraves, Braeside, Darwen, Miss Tennant, 10, Duke's Brow, Blackburn, and Mr. Henry Schofield, 11, East Park Road, Blackburn.

BRADFORD, 1861, The Secretary, Royal Institution for the Blind.

BRIGHTON, 1862, Miss Moon, 104, Queen's Road.

BRISTOL, 1857, The Secretary, School for the Blind, Westbury-on-Trym.

BURNLEY, 1882, Mrs. E. Jones, Broomie Knowe.

CARLISLE AND CUMBERLAND, 1856, Miss Hartley, The Rookery, Scotby, Carlisle.

CHELtenham, 1858, Captain Willoughby Berthon, 51, Winchcomb Street.

CHESTER, 1875, Mr. H. Duckworth, 39, Nicholas Street.

COLCHESTER, 1876, Mrs. E. J. Sanders, Gostwycke, Colchester.

COLNE, 1903, Mrs. Turner Hartley, Teneriffe Bungalow, Foulridge, near Colne.

CORNWALL, 1857, Miss C. C. Rogers, Burncoose, Perranwell, R.S.O.

COVENTRY, 1878, Mrs. A. P. Kinder, Richmond Villa, Allesley Old Road.

DARLINGTON, Mrs. T. Putnam, Greylands.

DEVONPORT, 1860, Mr. E. E. Gard, 6, St. Aubyn Street.

DONCASTER, 1864, Miss Becket Denison, The Hall.

EXETER, 1903, Miss Hillyard, 26, East Southernhay.

HALIFAX, 1888, Mr. James Clarkson, Solicitor.

HUDDERSFIELD, 1856, Miss M. Shaw, Inglewood, Huddersfield.

HULL, 1864, Dr. Rockliffe, The Chestnuts, Hessle, East Yorks.

- IPSWICH, 1874, Mr. J. S. Coleby, 8, Northgate Street, Ipswich.
- ISLE OF WIGHT, 1893, Mr. T. W. Morphey, Hazelwood, Ryde.
- LANCASTER, Miss E. Bailey, 28, Dallas Road.
- LEEDS, 1858, Miss E. M. Prior, 3, Marlborough Grove.
- LEICESTER, 1867, Mr. G. F. Stevenson, 132, Regent Road.
- LIVERPOOL, 1858, Miss E. Dart, 28, Aigburth Drive.
- LONDON, 1855, Miss E. M. Bainbrigge, 53, Victoria Street, S.W.
- MACCLESFIELD, 1875, Miss C. Smale, Field Bank, Chester Road.
- NEWCASTLE AND GATESHEAD, 1867, Miss K. Stephenson, Elswick House, Newcastle.
- NEWPORT, MON., 1865, Rev. J. Swinnerton, Llandevaud Vicarage, Newport.
- NORTH DEVON, 1910, Miss Buckingham, Burrington Vicarage.
- NORTHERN COUNTIES BLIND SOCIETY, 1873, Mr. von Niederhausern, 4, Howard Street, North Shields.
- NORTH HANTS, 1902, Mr. Cialis, 3, St. George's Road, Aldershot.
- NORTH WALES, 1882, Miss D. Roberts, The Deanery, Bangor.
- OLDHAM, 1878, Miss S. A. Barstow, Werneth Hall Road, Oldham.
- OXFORD, 1877, Miss C. Heberden, Brasenose College, Oxford.
- OXFORDSHIRE, 1904, Miss Bullock, North Lawn, Oxford.
- PONTEFRAC T AND UPPER OSGOLDCROSS DIVISION, 1910, Miss Leatham, Hemsworth Hall, Wakefield.
- ROCHDALE, 1872, Mr. G. L. Collins, West Hill, Rochdale.
- ROSSENDALE, 1890, Mrs. G. Shepherd, Holmes Villa, Bacup.
- SCARBOROUGH, 1909, Mrs. Catt, 4, Pavilion Terrace.
- SHEFFIELD, 1860, Mr. W. R. Carter, J.P., Rutland Park.
- SHREWSBURY, 1907, Mr. H. Byolin, The Old Mansion, St. Mary's Street.
- SOUTH DEVON, 1910, Miss R. E. Kremnitz, San Fruttuoso, Torquay.
- SUNDERLAND, 1873, Miss V. Pearman, Ash Lea, Thornhill Park.
- SURREY, 1904, Mr. C. Jerrold, 5, Paragon Grove, Surbiton.
- SWANSEA AND SOUTH WALES, 1864, Mr. J. Hall, Grosvenor House, Swansea.
- TAUNTON, 1896, Miss Altham, Sherford Lodge.
- WAKEFIELD, 1869, Miss E. E. Fennell, 33, Westgate, Wakefield.
- WINCHESTER, 1903, Miss Wilcox, Little Haven, St. James' Lane.
- WOLVERHAMPTON, 1874, Mrs. Whitehouse, Graiseley Old Hall.
- YARMOUTH, GREAT, 1876, Mrs. H. M. Fellows, 76, Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

Libraries for the Blind.

Nearly all the Institutions and Societies for the Blind, and also many Public Libraries for the sighted, have books printed in types used by the Blind. The Public Library at Oxford has many volumes of classical and standard works for the use of University students. The following special circulating libraries may be mentioned separately :—

1. HOME TEACHING SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, 53, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., for those in superior circumstances, annual subscription not less than 10s. *Moon* and *Braille* types.
2. THE INCORPORATED NATIONAL LENDING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND, 125, Queen's Road, Bayswater, W. Secretary, Miss E. W. Austin. Founded 1882, by Miss C. Howden and Miss M. Arnold. Incorporated 1898. This Library has upwards of 14,000 volumes in Braille and Moon types, and 2,000 pieces of music. Books are forwarded to all parts of the Kingdom, carriage being paid by the reader. Assistance is given from the "Arnold Carriage Fund" where the inability of the reader to meet this expense is proved. The annual subscription of members is £2 2s. for eight volumes, £1 1s. for four volumes, but special terms are made with Institutions when a large number of volumes is required. Lower rates are allowed on application, adapted to the means of the reader, the minimum being 5s., on statement of circumstances, with letter of reference in confirmation. Free nominations are in the gift of Voluntary Annual Subscribers of £2 2s., or Donors of £10 10s. About 1,000 books are added to the Library in the course of the year by the kindness of nearly 500 voluntary writers and by the purchase of stereotyped books when suitable. In order to increase the supply of books for the Library, and to assist in providing work for the Blind, "The Dow Blind Writers' Fund" has been started for the employment of Blind Writers and Copyists, and 32 Workers are now employed by the Library.

- 27 Public Libraries receive books regularly from this centre and distribute them among the local Blind.
3. THE INDIGENT BLIND VISITING SOCIETY established free libraries in 1884. There are now libraries at Lecture Hall, Harley Street, Bow, E. ; Lecture Hall, Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Road, S.E. ; Mission Hall, Francis Street, Stratford, E.; and Lecture Hall, John Street, Theobald's Road, W.C.
 4. LENDING LIBRARY, belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Books about the missionary work of the Church, written almost entirely in Braille (interlined). There is no subscription, but borrowers have to pay the postage of the books to and from the Library. Address, The Librarian, S.P.G. House, 15, Tufton Street, Westminster, S.W.
 5. MANCHESTER AND SALFORD BLIND AID SOCIETY, Artillery Street, Deansgate, Manchester, founded 1898. Secretary, Mr. E. T. Chesworth. Readers outside Manchester pay 5s. for four volumes a month. Libraries £3 3s. for 12 volumes a month. Arrangements can be made with Libraries and with Societies for the Blind. In May, 1911, there were 3,991 volumes in the library.
 6. NORTHERN COUNTIES BLIND SOCIETY, 4 and 5, Howard Street, North Shields, founded 1873. Secretary, Mr. von Niederhausern. There is a library in connection with this Society and books are lent. Books and a magazine (*Dawn*) are printed in Moon type.
 7. THE DEPÔT OF THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY, 69, Southwark Bridge Road, London, S.E. By this Society books in Braille are supplied to blind Roman Catholics.
 8. YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, Hon. Librarian, Mrs. von Braun, Boreham Holt, Boreham Wood, Herts. This library has been started to supply literature in Braille to the blind members of the Association.
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Magazines for the Blind.

Several Magazines are now published in Braille type, and two in Moon's. The particulars of those brought under notice are as follows :—

Progress, started January, 1881, in Braille type, is published monthly as a means of information for the Blind on subjects in which they are specially interested. Subscription, 6s. a year, post free; foreign, 8s., payable in advance. Published by the British and Foreign Blind Association, Great Portland Street, London, W.

Dawn, started September, 1886. Moon's type, with extra contractions, etc. Published quarterly by the Northern Counties Blind Society, at 4 and 5, Howard Street, North Shields. Price (enlarged) 4s. 4d. a year, post free.

Santa Lucia, started March, 1889. Revised Braille type (interlined). Published on the 7th of each month by the Misses Hodgkin, Zenda, Balcombe, Sussex. Price 19s. a year, post free.

The Weekly Summary, started June, 1892. This is a newspaper in Revised Braille type, giving current news, with special regard to all matters concerning the Blind. Published every Wednesday by the Misses E. R. Scott and L. T. Bloxam, Eltham, Kent. Price 2d., or 8s. 8d. per annum, post free. Specimen copy free.

Hora Jucunda, started January, 1893. Revised Braille type (interpointed). Published every month at the Royal Blind Asylum and School, West Craigmillar, Edinburgh. Price 12s. a year, post free. Literary supplement, post free to ordinary subscribers 3d. per month, to non-subscribers, 4d.

The Craigmillar Harp, started January, 1895. Braille type (interlined). Published quarterly at the Royal Blind Asylum and School, West Craigmillar, Edinburgh. Price 3s. a year, post free. A magazine specially for the musical Blind. A printed price

list, with details of all the pieces published up to date, is supplied free on application to the editor. Back numbers are sold at 6d. each.

Gospel Light in Heathen Darkness, started January, 1895. A magazine containing missionary information. Revised Braille type. Published quarterly by Mrs. C. E. Lamb, Vincent House, Kettering. Price 2s. a year, post free.

The King's Messengers (for Children), started January, 1895. A magazine containing missionary information. Revised Braille type. Published monthly by Mrs. C. E. Lamb, Vincent House, Kettering. Price 4s. a year, post free.

The Church Messenger, started February, 1896. Revised Braille type. Published monthly. Editor, Mrs. W. H. Langton, The Hall, Datchet. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss M. C. Langton, 2, Percy Villas, Campden Hill, Kensington, W. Price 10s. per annum, post free. Embossed by The Royal Blind Asylum and School, West Craigmillar, Edinburgh.

Channels of Blessing, started January, 1898. Braille type (inter-pointed). Published bi-monthly. Price 9d. per copy. Post free to the blind Poor. Managing Editor, Mr. Edwin Norris, Ashcroft, All Saints' Avenue, Margate. Poetry Editor, Miss I. M. Brookfield, 10, Goldstone Road, Hove, Sussex.

Morning, started January, 1902. An Australian Braille Magazine of 60 pages. Published monthly at the Royal Institution for the Blind, Adelaide, South Australia. Price 12s. yearly, post free.

The Hampstead, started November, 1902. Revised Braille type. Published on the 15th of each month. Embossed and published by The London Society for Teaching the Blind, Swiss Cottage, Hampstead, London, N.W. Price 1s. each copy, by post 1s. 1d.

Quarterly Intercession Paper, started October, 1903. This is a quarterly paper of information and intercession on behalf of the Church's missionary work. Revised Braille (interpointed).

Price 3s. per annum, post free. Issued on 1st January, April, July, and October, and supplied by Miss D. Blyth, 11, Dryburgh Road, Putney, S.W.

The Mission Field, started September, 1904. This is a magazine about Foreign Missions, published on the 1st of each month. Revised Braille (interpointed). Price 2d. per copy or 2s. per annum, post free. Published by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 15, Tufton Street, Westminster, S.W.

The Braille Packet, started December, 1904. Handwritten in Revised Braille type (interlined). Published fortnightly on alternate Mondays, sent free of charge to the poor. Annual subscription for paying readers from 2s., and circulated amongst members of a club. It contains articles on politics, literature, science, etc. Particulars can be obtained from Miss Z. Ethel Grimwood, 60, Wilbury Road, Hove, Sussex.

Excelsior, started March, 1905. A bi-monthly magazine, handwritten in Braille, for circulation amongst the readers in Forfarshire and Kincardineshire. Published on the 1st of each month in connection with the Mission to the Blind, Forfar.

The Moon Monthly Magazine, started January, 1906. Printed at 104, Queen's Road, Brighton. The Moon type. Price 19s. a year, post free.

The Daily Mail in Braille type was first published on Saturday, December 1st, 1906, and is issued weekly every Saturday. Price 1d. per copy, or 6s. 6d. per annum post free.

Braille Musical Magazine, started 1910. Price 1s. post free, 6s. per annum; abroad, 8s. per annum post free. Published bi-monthly, on the 20th of the month, by the British and Foreign Blind Association, Great Portland Street, London, W.

Comrades, started 1910, a Braille magazine for Boys and Girls. Published on the 5th of the month. Annual Subscription, 4s.; foreign, 7s., post free, payable in advance. Published by the British and Foreign Blind Association, Great Portland Street, London, W.

Braille Literary Journal, started 1911. A monthly periodical for the Blind, containing original contributions and articles selected from high-class magazines, newspapers, etc. Published on the 10th of the month. 1s. post free, 12s. per annum ; abroad, 16s. per annum, post free. Published by the British and Foreign Blind Association, Great Portland Street, London, W.

The Blind, started January, 1898. Ordinary type. Published by Mr. Henry J. Wilson, Secretary of Gardner's Trust for the Blind, 53, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., on the 20th January, April, July, and October of each year. Price 1s. 2d. per year, post free, for the four numbers. Special articles on questions concerning the Blind, and the latest information in regard to Institutions, Societies and current affairs.

The Braille Review, started January 1st, 1903. Ordinary type. The *Review* contains articles on the education and employment of the Blind and gives particulars of new works issued between the editions of the Association's catalogue. Price 1s. a year, post free. Published by the British and Foreign Blind Association, Great Portland Street, London, W.

Unions of Institutions, Societies and Agencies for the Blind.

THESE Unions, which cover the whole of England and Wales, have been formed to promote the general welfare of the Blind, to enlist fresh sympathy and interest on their behalf, and to befriend them in every possible way, so that no blind person shall be left uncared for.

The following are the chief objects of the Unions :—

- (a.) To compile a Register of the Blind.
- (b.) To promote such intercourse amongst existing Agencies and Individuals interested in the welfare of the Blind as may lead to the organization, co-ordination and extension of work on their behalf.
- (c.) To stimulate the prevention of blindness by free distribution of leaflets, etc.

- (d) To form Societies in districts where none exist.
- (e.) To encourage the after-care of pupils leaving Institutions.
- (f.) To promote employment.
- (g.) To visit and care for the sick, aged and helpless, at their homes or elsewhere.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND UNION, founded in 1906, was the first to be formed, and consists of the following counties :—Cumberland, Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, Westmoreland and Yorkshire. The Organising Secretary is Miss Sadgrove, St. John's House, Beverley.

The other Unions, formed in 1908, with the respective counties over which they work, are :—

THE METROPOLITAN AND ADJACENT COUNTIES UNION, Organising Secretary, Miss Bennett, Denison House, Room 47, 296, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W. ; Berks, Essex, Hants, Hertford, Kent, London, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES UNION, Organising Secretary, Miss J. Merivale, 4, Park Town, Oxford ; Buckingham, Derby, Hereford, Leicester, Northampton, Nottingham, Oxford, Stafford, Warwick and Worcester.

THE NORTH-WEST UNION, Hon. Secretary, Miss Margaret Comber, Woodville, Liverpool Road, Chester ; North Wales, Cheshire and Shropshire.

THE SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE UNION, Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Hall, Grosvenor House, Swansea ; South Wales and Monmouth.

THE WESTERN COUNTIES UNION, Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. M. Collingwood, School for the Blind, St. David's Hill, Exeter ; Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, Somerset and Wilts.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES UNION :—Bedford, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Lincoln, Norfolk, Rutland and Suffolk. Hon. Secretary :—(*Vacant*).

There is a UNION OF UNIONS, consisting of elected representatives from each Union, which meets annually in order to promote unity of action and to discuss difficulties.

Sundry Societies for the Blind.

The following Societies, arranged alphabetically, can hardly be classified under any of the preceding headings, although much of the work is of a similar kind:—

AFTER-CARE OF PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN (crippled, blind, and deaf), 91, Parliament Chambers, Great Smith Street, S.W. *Hon. Secs.*, Miss Beasley and Miss Farwell. The object of this Association is to provide suitable employment for blind, deaf, and physically defective children passing out of the London County Council Special Schools, and for such as are recommended by the Invalid Children's Aid Association. A blind knitter's industry has been organised for girls, who call weekly or fortnightly and take the work home.

BERKS COUNTY BLIND SOCIETY, founded 1910. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. Goodhart, Inkpen, Berks. This Society was started by and is affiliated to the Union of Societies for the Blind in the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties (*vide* page 69), and befriends the Blind in various ways in the county of Berks except Reading, which has a separate organisation (*vide* page 76).

BLIND SOCIAL AID SOCIETY, founded 1909. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. Alfred Carr, 5, Minories, London, E.C. Has for its objects:—The promotion of the employment and the social welfare of the blind and partially-blind, (a) By making public their capabilities and needs; (b) By encouraging their social intercourse. The members, who pay 6s. a year, are self-supporting blind and partially-blind men, and number over 50.

BLIND TEA AGENCY, LTD., Established 1891, 5, Fen Court, Fenchurch Avenue, London, E.C. *Manager*, Mr. C. E. Dustow, who is himself blind. The Agency receives applications from blind or partially-blind persons of both sexes to act as agents in all parts of the United Kingdom. An applicant must give the names of two responsible persons to whom he or she is well known. If appointed as an agent, 20-lb. of tea and upwards is sent (carriage paid) on credit, but if cash is paid within seven

days after its delivery, discount is also allowed. Handbills, showcards and samples are supplied free. The tea is packed in air and damp-proof packets of $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and 1-lb. each, also in bulk (loose). The Agency also supplies coffee, cocoa, and chocolate.

BRAILLE CORRESPONDENCE CLUB, Started 1899. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. Phelps, Braillecot, Broadstairs, Kent. The objects of the Club are to brighten the lives of the Blind by friendly intercourse, to help them by timely advice, and to give information when needed. There are 500 members in the British Islands. Branches have been established on the Continent, in Canada, New Zealand, and Africa. An Esperanto branch has also been formed. There is no subscription, and both sighted and blind persons can become members.

BRAILLE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY meets on the first and third Mondays in each month, for the discussion of matters of general interest and of questions connected with the Blind, at 29, Howard House, Cleveland Street, Euston Road, W. Visitors from the provinces or abroad are always welcome. All communications should be addressed to the *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. H. Royston, 48, Hungerford Road, London, N.

BRIGHTON BLIND RELIEF AND VISITING SOCIETY, founded by the late Dr. Moon, 1862. *Hon. Sec.* and *Treasurer*, Miss Moon, 104, Queen's Road, Brighton. A missionary is sent to the homes of the Blind in Brighton, Hove, and neighbourhood, with books in the "Moon" type, and exchanges them every fortnight. Meetings are held on Sunday afternoons, and tea is provided. Coals, meat, and other necessities, as well as clothing, and two loaves of bread weekly, are provided for the needy Blind.

CARDIFF GUILD OF SOCIAL WORKERS AMONG THE BLIND, founded 1898. The meetings are held at 1A, City Road. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Seccombe, Cardiff. This Guild has for its object the improvement of the general condition of the Blind, by encouraging home work, by obtaining employment for those who cannot get work, and by assisting them with loans or materials, in the sale of articles made, and in other ways.

CRANBORNE MEMORIAL FUND, 4, Eaton Place, London, S.W., founded 1906, by a gift of £500 from Lord Eustace Cecil. The interest on the £500 is expended in assisting cases on the waiting list of the Society for Granting Annuities to the Poor Adult Blind (*vide* page 46). The selection of cases is made by the Trustees of the Fund.

DEPTFORD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND, founded 1891. *Sec.*, Miss M. Martin, 2, Tressillian Road, Brockley, S.E. This Society, which is affiliated to the Indigent Blind Visiting Society, aims at improving the spiritual, social, and intellectual condition of the Blind in Deptford and District. The classes are attended by about 70 blind persons, and are held in Creek Street Mission Hall, on Fridays, for women at 3 p.m., and for men at 7 p.m.

DICKENS BIRTHPLACE FELLOWSHIP, founded 1903. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. W. C. Harvey, 31, High Street, Gosport. This Fellowship has for its objects: (1) To knit together in a common bond of friendship and sympathy all lovers of that great master of humour and pathos, Charles Dickens. (2) To assist in every possible way the cause of the afflicted children, "Tiny Tims" and the necessitous blind "Berthas." An outing with entertainment is given to all the blind Poor (about 150) in Portsmouth, and a tea with entertainment is given them indoors. A library for the Blind was founded by the Fellowship and is housed in the Dickens Museum.

EASTBOURNE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, founded 1910. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss P. Wheeler, Hartfield Rise, 19, Hartfield Road, Eastbourne. This Society was started by and is affiliated to the Union of Societies for the Blind in the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties (*vide* page 69), and befriends the Blind of Eastbourne in various ways.

EMBOSSSED SCIENTIFIC BOOKS FUND. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. H. M. Taylor, F.R.S., Trinity College, Cambridge. This fund was founded in 1907 with the object of assisting in the publication

in embossed type for the use of the Blind, of works of a scientific nature which are at present not obtainable, and of reducing the price at which the books are sold where such reduction seems advisable. The fund is under the control of a board of five Managers nominated by the President of the Royal Society. The first three books published were "Sound and Music," by Mr. Sedley Taylor; "A Primer of Astronomy," by Sir Robert Ball; and "An Introduction to Geology," by Dr. Marr. Other scientific works have been published or are in course of publication.

EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEFECTIVE, West London.

There is a House of Help, 39, Lillie Road, West Brompton, London, S.W., founded 1908. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Arnould, 9, Nevern Square, Earl's Court, S.W. This House is a dépôt for work done at home by the Blind, deaf, lame, etc. of the districts of Fulham, Kensington, Chelsea and Hammersmith. Lessons are given in handicrafts to defective blind persons who are ineligible for Workshops for the Blind. The aim of the Association is to help and protect those who, being cripples or feeble-minded, need supervision or occupation.

EYES TO THE BLIND, 17, Callow Street, Fulham Road, S.W.

Hon. Sec., Miss L. Douglas-Hamilton. The chief part of the work, which is for women only, is carried on at three classes, viz.: Harley Street, Bow, E.; Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Road, S.E.; and St. John's Church Parish Room, The Vicarage, Wiltshire Road, Brixton, S.W., where the Hon. Sec. meets the blind women, who all work at their own homes. The last named class commenced in 1911 at the instance of the Union of Societies for the Blind in the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties (*vide* page 69), and the other two classes were started about 1901. The Society is worked in connection with the Indigent Blind Visiting Society (*vide* page 58). The work made by the Blind women (about 35) is sold by the Hon. Sec. at 17, Callow Street.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE BLIND AND SEEING, founded 1898. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Riley, 51, Avonmore Road, West Kensington, W. This Society was started for the purpose of social intercourse, exchange and loan of Braille literature, and mutual help and exchange of thought among the educated Blind. The minimum subscription for members is 5s. a year.

ISLE OF WIGHT SOCIETY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDIGENT BLIND, founded 1893. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. T. W. Morphey, Hazelwood, Ryde. This Society provides a Home Teacher, instructs the Blind in basket and cane work, provides tools and materials, and affords medical advice for those suffering from defective sight. A register is kept of all the Blind in the Island. There is a circulating library of books in Braille and Moon types.

LEICESTER. THE WYCLIFFE SOCIETY FOR HELPING THE BLIND, founded 1893. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. H. Donisthorpe, Rhewolu, St. Stephen's Road, Leicester. The Society seeks to benefit about 160 of the Blind in Leicester, bodily, mentally, and spiritually. There are Homes (*vide* page 34) in connection with this Society.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL TEA COMPANY, LTD., established 1907, for the Employment of the Blind, 5, Minories, London, E.C. *Manager*, Mr. Alfred Carr, who is himself blind. This firm appoints blind or partially-blind men and women as agents throughout the United Kingdom, for the sale of tea, coffee and cocoa. Applications should be accompanied by two names of responsible persons to whom the applicant is well known. Appointed agents can have 20 lb. and upwards of goods delivered, carriage paid, on credit. If payment is made within a week of delivery, special discount is allowed. Goods are packed by electric machinery in packets on which is the Braille price, or some special mark to make them easily distinguishable by the Blind. Show cards and leaflets for advertising are supplied

free. All information and particulars can be obtained from the Manager, as above. Correspondence can be in Braille or writing.

LONDON BRAILLE MISSION PRESS, 53, Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate, E., founded 1905. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. F. A. J. Burns, publishes in Braille, Christian Literature for the Blind in the principal European and Oriental languages. A catalogue of the books, tracts, etc., can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD BLIND AID SOCIETY, founded 1900, *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Isabel M. Heywood, Claremont, Pendleton, Manchester. The Central Rooms of the Society are in Artillery Street, Deansgate, Manchester, where there is a Free Library with 3,991 volumes, primarily for the Blind of Manchester and Salford, but 16 other towns also make use of the library. The Society employs blind persons in Bookbinding, Braille copying, and Woolwork, has a Brush Workshop (*vide* page 30, No. 29), and two Homes (*vide* pages 34 and 36, Nos. 10 and 18). There are also a Sick and Benefit Club with 202 members, a Blind Glee Party, and District Visiting. Temporary relief is given.

NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR MASSAGE BY THE BLIND. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. MacNicol, ~~188 Nottingham Terrace~~, Marylebone Road, N.W. This Institution has been at work for eleven years, and already 55 masseuses and 27 masseurs have been trained, of whom many are earning a comfortable living and entirely self-supporting. Some are employed as personal attendants to people in good positions, others in hospitals, hydropathic establishments, poor law infirmaries, etc. The training is superintended by Dr. Fletcher Little. The Blind are carefully selected as to health and fitness, are taught in the same classes with those who see, and before obtaining a certificate they must attain the same standard of efficiency and excellence. They are taught the Nauheim (Schotts) and Weir-Mitchell Treatments, and learn the use and practical application of Galvanic and Faradic batteries. Some of them also become very proficient in the Dano-Swedish physical exercises.

READING BLIND AID SOCIETY, founded 1893. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. Hugh E. Walford, Pattingham, London Road, Reading. This Society endeavours to improve the condition of the indigent Blind residing within the area of the Borough of Reading, and keeps a register of the names, addresses, and the particulars of the circumstances of all the Blind in that district. Relief is given by way of pensions (*vide* page 48), by occasional grants, and by gifts of clothing, coals, etc.

"SANTA LUCIA" BLIND RELIEF FUND. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. Lancelot Harison, Zenda, Balcombe, Sussex. This Fund, founded by the Misses J. and E. H. Hodgkin, editors and proprietors of the Magazine, *Santa Lucia*, grants a limited number of monthly pensions, provides small sums of money, clothing, coals, etc., when urgently needed, and also magazines, books, and newspapers in Braille type. The Fund also assists in paying for a short summer holiday for those who are earning their living in any form of employment, and to whom a short change and rest are essential. At Christmas, all persons on the books of the Fund receive a present of money amounting to about ten shillings each, and constant communication is kept up with nearly all of them by letters in Braille type.

SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION FOR LONDON, 845-850, Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C., was started in March, 1910, to strengthen and secure co-operation on systematic lines between official departments of the State, Municipal Authorities, and Voluntary Agencies and Charitable Societies of London. The Association has appointed a "Blind Charities Committee" to work on the above lines.

SOUTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, founded 1889. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. E. C. Redman, 12, High Street, Southampton. Social meetings are held every Tuesday throughout the year at the Onslow Road Music Saloon, Newtown, from 7 to 9 p.m. Most of the members have lost their sight in middle or later life.

SOUTH LONDON INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, SOUTHWARK, founded 1870. *Hon. Sec.*, the Rev. St. Clare Hill, M.A. This is an Institute and relief society for the blind poor of both sexes in South London, and provides dormitory accommodation for young unmarried blind girls working at factories and workshops. The institute with office was opened November 6th, 1907, at 82, Borough Road, S.E.

SUNBEAM MISSION. There is a special branch of this mission for the benefit of the blind children of the poorer classes. Its object is to find friends who will write to them in Braille, and take a little interest in their lives. All who join merely undertake to pay an entrance fee of one shilling, and to send by post a letter or a few sheets of Braille-writing each month. Those who are unable to befriend any special child can also join this branch as unattached associates (entrance fee 1s.) and can help forward the work by writing Braille story books to lend to the children to read at home, or by sending any suitable gifts for the children to the *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Beatrice Taylor, 39, Sylvan Road, Upper Norwood, S.E., who will gladly give further information.

TICKET BUREAU FOR THE BLIND, Denison House, Room 47, 296, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W. *Hon. Sec.*, Baroness Arild Rosenkrantz. The object of this Bureau is to obtain tickets for concerts, lectures, recitations and theatres, for distribution among blind people living in their own homes who are not able to afford to spend money on recreation. Tickets which are unsold, or for which the purchasers have no need, are solicited for distribution amongst blind persons, whose qualifications have been registered in a list.

WORTHING SOCIETY FOR BEFRIENDING THE BLIND, founded 1910. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss E. Moore, Harveydale, Salisbury Road, Worthing. This Society is affiliated to the Union of Societies for the Blind in the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties (*vide* page 69), and assists the Blind in the town in various ways.

Appendix.

The following is a List of Institutions and Societies for the Blind in Scotland and Ireland, with the number of pupils, workmen, etc. in May, 1911. The figures in brackets give the years in which the Societies were respectively founded.

Scotland.

(a).—SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS.

ABERDEEN. Asylum for the Blind (1818). 50, Huntly Street. Workshops only. 63 employed (14 women and 49 men, of whom 10 are learners). There is a public school at Ruthrieston (1910), 15 blind children.

DUNDEE. Institution for the Blind (1869), Magdalen Green. (a.) School and (b.) Workshops. (a.) 14 resident pupils, fee £20 a year; (b.) 75 employed, viz. : 20 women, 47 men and 8 learners.

EDINBURGH. Royal Blind Asylum and School (1793). (a.) A School and Home for children and adult females, at West Craigmillar; and (b.) Workshops at 58, Nicolson Street. (a.) 50 resident pupils, fee £20 a year, clothing provided; (b.) 146 employed, viz. : 9 women, 127 men and 10 learners.

GLASGOW. Royal Glasgow Asylum for the Blind (1804), 100, Castle Street. (a.) School and (b.) Workshops. (a.) 84 resident pupils, fee £20 a year, and 31 free non-resident pupils; (b.) 183 employed.

INVERNESS. Northern Counties Institute (1867). (a.) School, Hill Terrace; and (b.) Workshops, 81, Castle Street, (a.) 10 resident pupils; (b.) 16 employed.

LANARK. Smyllum Orphanage (1884), a Roman Catholic School for the Blind, 50 resident pupils, fee £15 a year. There is a branch Workshop (1908) at 51, Great Hamilton Street, Glasgow, where 14 men and 4 learners are employed.

PAISLEY and District Workshops (1904), 111, Causeyside Street. Workshops only. Thirteen employed, viz. : 11 men and 2 women.

(b).—MISSIONS AND HOME TEACHING SOCIETIES.

ABERDEEN TOWN AND COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1879), 229, Union Street. About 365 blind persons benefited.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR BLIND (1882), 25, Rae Street.

DUNDEE MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR BLIND (1879), 23, Castle Street.

EDINBURGH SOCIETY, INCLUDING SOUTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND (1857), 38, Howe Street, Edinburgh. There are 465 on the roll.

FIFE AND KINROSS SOCIETY (1865), 27, Kirk Wynd, Kirkcaldy. There are 143 on the roll.

FORFARSHIRE AND THE SOUTH HALF OF KINCARDINESHIRE MISSION (1869), Forfar.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR BLIND (1859), 221, Buchanan Street, Glasgow. There are 1,600 on the roll, of these 79 receive pensions from 6s. to 10s. monthly. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mission, 1, Bath Street, supplies 136 women with knitting and payment for their work; 110 women get small monthly allowances. The Home for Women is at 348, St. George's Road; and Cottage Holiday Homes, at Biggar and Edinburgh.

NORTHERN COUNTIES INSTITUTE (1867). Outdoor Mission to the Blind in the six Northern Counties, 81, Castle Street, Inverness. There are 346 on the roll.

PERTH (CITY AND COUNTY) HOME TEACHING SOCIETY (1866), Wells Hill Terrace, Perth. There are 110 on the roll.

STIRLING, CLACKMANNAN AND LINLITHGOW HOME TEACHING SOCIETY (1866), 11, Fenton Street, Alloa. There are 105 on the roll.

(c).—PENSION SOCIETIES.

DUNDEE. Webster and Davidson Mortification—The Factor, Dundee—grants 37 allowances of £5 and 15 of £10 a year, some of the 37 are bursaries for education. All blind persons residing within 3 miles of Dundee are eligible, provided their income does not exceed £20 a year and they are not in receipt of Parochial relief.

EDINBURGH. Mrs. Jane Stobie Clark Fund (1885)—Messrs. Fyfe, Ireland & Co., 71, Hanover Street, Edinburgh—grants pensions of £5 a year to about 30 blind females requiring help. Elections take place in November each year.

EDINBURGH AND SOUTH-EAST SCOTLAND SOCIETY—The Jam Fund, Secretaries, 14, Rutland Square, Edinburgh—grants annuities of £8 a year to 54 blind persons, besides helping other ways. Applicants must be resident in Edinburgh or South-East Scotland.

EDINBURGH. Royal Blind Asylum (1793), 58, Nicolson Street—grants allowances of various amounts to 146 blind persons, must reside in Scotland and receive no assistance from other Institutions for the Blind.

GLASGOW. Mission to the Outdoor Blind (1859), 221, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, grants monthly allowances to about 80 blind persons.

Ireland.

ARMAGH. Macan Asylum for the Blind (1854). Nine inmates.

BELFAST. Association for the Employment of the Industrious Blind (1871), 28, Royal Avenue. Workshops, 120 employed.

BELFAST. Home Mission Work among the Blind. Home Cliftonville (1886), with an average of 30 women and 17 men inmates. About 160 are assisted by allowances, spectacles, &c.

BELFAST. Ulster Society for Promoting the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind (1831), Lisburn Road. Institution has about 24 inmates.

BELFAST. Home Teaching Society for the Blind, 28, Royal Avenue.

CORK. County and City of Cork Asylum for the Blind (1818), Infirmary Road. 77 inmates.

CORK. St. Raphael's Home for the Industrious Female Blind (1818). About 60 inmates, children and women.

DUBLIN. National Institution and Molyneux Asylum for the Females of Ireland (1815), Leeson Park. This is a School for the young and a Home for the aged, 47 inmates.

DUBLIN. Richmond National Institution for the Instruction of the Industrious Blind (1810), 41, Upper Sackville Street. There are 62 employed, viz., 19 men and 2 women inmates and 41 outdoor workers.

DUBLIN. St. Mary's Catholic Asylum for Female Blind (1858), Merrion Square.

DUBLIN. St. Joseph's Asylum and School for the Blind (1818), Drumcondra. There are 15 resident pupils, five outworkers, and 96 inmates.

DUBLIN. Association for Relief of the Indigent Blind and Lending Library (1857), 50, Lower Sackville Street. About 22 persons benefited by weekly allowances.

LIMERICK. Asylum for Blind Females (1834), 31, Catherine Street. Six inmates.

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